

**Independent Committee in relation to the
Fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po**

**3RD WITNESS STATEMENT OF
LEUNG YEE-MEI APRIL**

I, LEUNG Yee-mei April, Chief Inspector of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of the New Territories North Regional Headquarters, No.6 On Po Lane, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

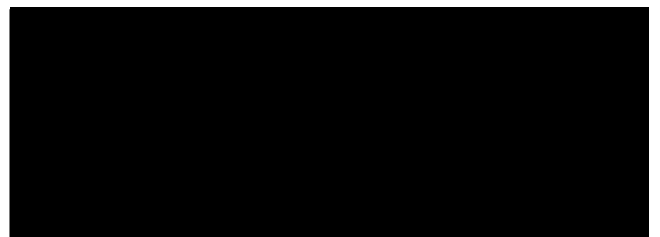
1. I am the same LEUNG Yee-mei April who made my 1st Witness Statement and my 2nd Witness Statement ("**2nd Witness Statement**") dated 29 January 2026 pursuant to the request of the Committee. Save where otherwise appears, I shall adopt the abbreviations and nomenclature used in my 1st Witness Statement and my 2nd Witness Statement.
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to the request of the Committee as set out in the letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the Department of Justice dated 16 February 2026 ("**16 February Letter**"), in which specific questions were raised in paragraphs 1 to 16 ("**Questions**"). Save where otherwise appears, the facts deposed hereto are within my personal knowledge or are derived from office files and records and sources to which I have access and which are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
3. In this Witness Statement, I shall address Question 10 of the 16 February Letter and provide updates on the Police's enquiries concerning the injured persons. Other Questions which are within the Force's purview will be addressed in the witness statements of other relevant officers of the Force to the Committee.
4. As mentioned in my 1st Witness Statement and 2nd Witness Statement, my Unit conducted enquiries with the injured persons. As of 9 March 2026, out of the

79 injured persons, **72** of them were reached with statements or questionnaires obtained, including all firemen and the ambulanceman. Interviews with **two** of the 79 persons were not attempted – one is an infant of three months old at the time of the incident and the other is a news reporter who felt sick outside Wang Fuk Court. The remaining **five** injured persons are all residents of Wang Fuk Court. **Four** of them strongly refused police enquiries and **one** of them is still admitted in hospital as of the last update on 9 March 2026.

5. I understand that the summary of injured persons as of 3 January 2026 was first submitted to the Committee on 12 January 2026 as Schedule B. By my 2nd Witness Statement, the Updated List of Injured Persons was submitted to the Committee. In the Updated List of Injured Persons, information relating to CEU#1, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16, 24, 36, 51, 69, 71 and 76 had been updated as these injured persons could be reached for enquiries between 4 January 2026 and 23 January 2026.
6. As requested by Question 10 of the 16 February Letter, the Police and FSD were requested to consolidate the relevant tables/lists and provide a composite list of injuries in Excel and PDF form. In response to the same, a Composite List of Injuries (“**Composite List of Injuries**”) was prepared which, as I was given to understand, was submitted by the FSD to the Committee on 9 March 2026. Three columns containing input from the FSD were added, namely “FSD S/N”, “Approximate Time of Rescue (FSD’s record, rounded to the nearest 30 minutes)” (replacing the original column titled “Time of Rescue”) and “Summary of injuries in FSD’s record”.
7. After the Composite List of Injuries was finalised for submission to the IC, the Police received updates from the HA, including updates about the condition of the injured persons at the time of admission to hospital. I attach hereto as **Annex 1** an updated Composite List of Injuries showing an updated summary of the injured persons as of 9 March 2026 based on police enquiries, information provided by the FSD and the HA (“**Updated Composite List of Injuries**”).

8. The Updated Composite List of Injuries recorded information of each injured person based on the following sources:-
- (1) Personal particulars (provided by the HA);
 - (2) Capacity (based on police enquiries with injured persons and/or their family members);
 - (3) Associated address in Wang Fuk Court (insofar as applicable) (based on police enquiries with the injured persons and/or their family members);
 - (4) Precise location where the injured person was found (based on injured persons, or police enquiries with the injured persons and/or their family members);
 - (5) Precise location where the injured person was found (FSD Record) (provided by the FSD);
 - (6) Approximate time of rescue (the FSD's record, rounded to the nearest 30 minutes) (provided by the FSD);
 - (7) Date/time of admission to hospital (provided by the HA);
 - (8) Condition at the time of admission to hospital (provided by the HA);
 - (9) Date of discharge from hospital (as of 9 March 2026; provided by the HA);
 - (10) Summary of injuries in the Police's record (based on injured persons or police enquiries with injured persons and/or their family members); and
 - (11) Summary of injuries in the FSD's record (provided by the FSD).
9. I confirm the Police's information as stated in the Updated Composite List of Injuries to be true and accurate.
10. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 13 day of March 2026.



LEUNG Yee-mei April