

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

**Witness Statement of CHEUNG Lok-hang**

I, CHEUNG Lok-hang, of Tai Po Fire Station, New Territories North Command, Fire Services Department, 3 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, N.T., do say as follows:-

1. I am the Station Commander of Tai Po Fire Station, of the Fire Services Department (“**FSD**”) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. I have joined the FSD for 15 years and 4 months since 4 October 2010 and was promoted to the present rank of Assistant Divisional Officer on 31 December 2023. My main responsibility is to oversee the operation and administration of the Tai Po Fire Station.
  
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to Request 4 of the Independent Committee (“**Committee**”) in relation to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po as set out in a letter from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors for the Committee, to the FSD dated 4 February 2026 (“**4 February Letter**”) in which specific questions were raised in paragraphs 1 to 10 and 16 (“**Questions**”). Save where otherwise appears, the facts deposited hereto are within my personal knowledge or are derived from office files and records and sources to which I have access and are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Save as otherwise specified, this Witness Statement adopts the same abbreviations and nomenclature as in the 4 February Letter.

3. This Witness Statement addresses Questions 8, 9(a) and 9(d) of the 4 February Letter. Other Questions which are within the FSD's purview will be addressed in the witness statements of other relevant officers of the FSD to the Committee.
4. The following paragraphs set out the decisions made by me as the Incident Commander after the fire was upgraded to No. 3 Alarm in answer to **Questions 8, 9(a) and 9(d)**. The response should be read together with the timeline and account of the No. 3 Alarm Fire provided in paragraphs 18 to 29 of the Witness Statement of TANG Wing-wah.

[Questions 8 and 9(a)]

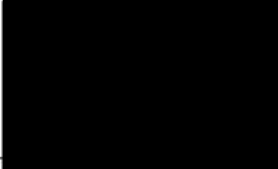
5. As stated in paragraph 19 of the Witness Statement of TANG Wing-wah, I was the first of the two Incident Commanders of the No. 3 Alarm Fire (from 1502 hours to 1533 hours). At 1504 hours on 26 November 2025, I received a telephone call from the Fire Services Communications Centre ("FSCC"), which instructed me to attend a No.3 Alarm Fire at Wang Cheong House, Wang Fuk Court.
6. Upon my arrival at scene at 1519 hours, I took on the role of Incident Commander. I put on my personal protective equipment and proceeded to Wang Cheong House. I observed that north-west façade of Wang Cheong House and east façade Wang Tai House were well alight and that the fire had already spread to Wang Shing House with its south-west façade (portion of middle to upper floors) also alight. Burning bamboo sticks and debris kept falling from height from Wang Cheong House.

7. At about 1523 hours, I met Senior Station Officer HUI Kin-on (“**SStnO HUI**”), who was the initial Incident Commander) at the roundabout near Wang Tai House. He reported to me that firefighting and rescue operations at Wang Cheong House, Wang Tai House and Wang Shing House were in progress and that a Mayday message had been received from a member at about 1522 hours via radiotelephone (“**R/T**”). SStnO HUI reported that the contents of the message were muffled, the identity of the distressed member(s) could not be verified and confirmed, and the building location was not provided by the distressed member(s). Effort was made by SStnO HUI to clarify the caller’s identity and location via R/T but no response was received from the caller. SStnO HUI formed Emergency Response Teams (“**ERTs**”) in an attempt to conduct search and rescue operations on 30/F of Wang Cheong House.
  
8. I instructed SStnO HUI to continue the Mayday operation and report to me of any progress. I also instructed SStnO HUI to continue the firefighting operations at scene. I then conducted an assessment of the vicinity to size up the situation. At about 1525 hours, I noticed that the fire had spread to G/F to about 2/F of the south-west façade of Wang Kin House and to about 4/F of the south façade of Wang Sun House. I instructed crew members to lay 2 hoses for firefighting towards the fire at Wang Kin House and Wang Sun House.



12. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



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