

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

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
TSANG CHUN-MING**

I, TSANG Chun-ming, Senior Inspector of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau, 1 Arsenal Street, Wanchai, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

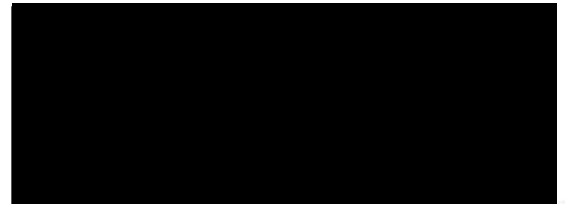
1. I am the Senior Inspector of Police, Training Team 1, Forensics and Training Division, Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau ("**CSTCB**"), Hong Kong Police Force ("**Force**") of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. I have joined the Force for 10 years since about 2015 and was promoted to the present rank on 2 November 2020. My main responsibilities include cyber training curriculum development, police training implementation, and technology researching.
2. I make this Witness Statement pursuant to the request 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 Commissioner of Police dated 29 December 2025 ("**29 December Letter**") in which 10 categories ("**Category/Categories**") of documents were requested. 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. I understand that the Force will produce to the Committee a hard drive, containing *inter alia* an interactive interface presenting selected key events and associated digital evidence. In this Witness Statement, I shall address the development by the Force of such interactive interface. The interactive

interface was originally developed by the Force for internal reference to facilitate investigation. Given the vast amount of the video/photographic evidence spanning across a period of time and showing various spots at the scene, the interactive interface was developed to sort and screen such evidence, which included part of the video/photographic evidence requested under Category 10. In order to ease any concern as to whether the functioning of such interactive interface would distort such evidence in any manner, I thus make this Witness Statement to explain its functions.

4. I received my education in Hong Kong and hold a Master of Science degree in Information Systems Management. I can read and speak both English and Chinese. I joined CSTCB in October 2020, having previously served in the Cyber Intelligence Division and the Digital Forensics Team of the Forensics and Training Division. Since May 2025, I have been stationed within Training Team 1, responsible for curriculum development, police training, and technology research.
5. In support of the investigation into the Tai Po Wang Fuk Court fire incident ("**Fire Case**"), I was tasked with developing an interactive interface to present selected key events and associated digital evidence for internal reference. I understand from the Officer-in-Charge of the Fire Case that such digital evidence included evidence retrieved from materials seized under search warrants. This interface utilises a web-based format, displaying critical events and evidence chronologically via a timeline.
6. I created a Microsoft Excel file ("**Excel File**") as the data source for this interactive web interface. The Excel File comprises two spreadsheets: one for recording incident details ("**Incident Spreadsheet**") and another for documenting corresponding digital evidence ("**Evidence Spreadsheet**"). CSTCB personnel input relevant information into the Incident Spreadsheet, including incident date/time, name, description, etc. They then recorded associated digital evidence on the Evidence Spreadsheet, detailing file names, timestamps, locations, descriptions, etc.

7. By utilising Artificial Intelligence, I developed a Python program to leverage data from the Excel File and read the digital evidence, including documents and multimedia files, stored in the same folder. The program arranges incidents chronologically based on their date and time, creating an interactive timeline with corresponding digital evidence displayed within each incident point on the timeline. Finally, the program generates an HTML file containing the interactive timeline.
8. This timeline only represents a selection of key incidents and time-stamped digital evidence obtained from the investigation of the Fire Case. It does not encompass all investigation materials, incidents, or digital evidence collected during the police investigation. Its primary purpose is for internal reference and analysis, facilitating a more comprehensive understanding of the fire's progression and related critical information.
9. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 16th day of January 2026.



TSANG Chun-ming