

**SMPRN12022644**

**Organization** : Mr. WONG Ho-tung  
**Date** : 24 November 2012 (Saturday)  
**Time** : Between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
**Location / Route** : Tin Hau Temple at Po Lam Road (the starting point), Po Lam Road, Tat Shun House (Po Tat Estate), Po Tat Estate Carpark, Sau Mau Ping Road, and Tin Hau Temple at Po Lam Road (the finish point).  
**Nature of Event** : Public Procession  
**Purpose of Event** : Opening ceremony of Tin Hau Temple

Section 15(2) of the Public Order Ordinance, Cap. 245 provide the Commissioner of Police to exercise his discretion to impose conditions upon any public procession notified in the interests of public safety and public order – the term as used in this letter refers to the maintenance of public order and prevention of public disorder. Having given consideration to the particular details of the public procession you intend to hold, the Commissioner has decided that it is rational, proportionate and necessary to impose the following conditions:-

- i) Police will deploy officers and, if necessary, arrange road closures to assist the public procession according to the date, time and route mentioned in your notification. Any change in date, time or route of the procession may affect the Police deployment that has been arranged to the public procession and affect the ability to provide emergency services to the public, thereby affecting public safety and public order. For this reason, it is a condition that the procession is to be held on 24 November 2012 (Saturday) according to the following time and route:

(1) Procession

Route (start off at 1:00 pm and arrive at 3:00 pm)

Tin Hau Temple (Po Lam Road) ➡ Po Lam Road ➡ Tat Shun House Po Tat Estate ➡ Po Tat Estate Carpark ➡ Sau Mau Ping Road ➡ Tin Hau Temple (Po Lam Road)

- ii) Police will deploy appropriate number of officers to facilitate the safe conduct of the public procession according to the notified number of participants. The number of police officers deployed affects other policing work in Hong Kong, for example, the effectiveness of emergency response to incidents. Moreover, the number of participants also affects the extent of road closures along the procession route, and the time taken for the procession to complete, thereby affecting public safety. For these reasons, it is a condition that you shall promptly inform the Police if you at any time know or believe or anticipate that the number of participants will be significantly greater or less than 80 persons as mentioned in your notification submitted on 19 November 2012 (Monday) :

- iii) Experiences have shown that in the interests of public safety and public order you shall provide sufficient marshals to remind participants to proceed in a safe manner. You shall also provide details of the contact person with whom the Police can liaise in case discussion is required. Besides, the marshals should use best endeavours to ensure that no dangerous situation occurs arising from the overcrowding. For this reason, you are required to arrange at least 20 marshals who can be easily identified as per the number stated in the notification submitted by you on 19 November 2012 (Monday), and provide assistance throughout the public procession;

You are reminded that any changes of details of the notified public procession may affect police deployment in ensuring public safety and public order. For this reason, you are urged to inform the police of any changes as soon as practicable so that conditions may be amended under section 15(3) of the Public Order Ordinance.