## Police alert public to fraudulent social media account purported to be Commissioner of Police

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Â Â Â The spokesperson for Police clarified that the Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-yee, has never set up the abovementioned personal facebook account. It is believed that someone impersonated the Commissioner of Police and possibly used the account to conduct illegal activities. Members of the public should stay alert and vigilant.

Â Â Â Police have initiated an investigation and the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau is following up.

Â Â Â The spokesperson for Police stressed that the Internet is not an unreal world that is beyond the law. As far as the existing legislation in Hong Kong is concerned, most of the laws enacted to prevent crimes in the real world are in principle applicable to the online world. Therefore, members of the public must act legally and responsibly when using the Internet.