

Police Hong Kong Island Regional Headquarters conducts inter-departmental exercise in response to large-scale power outage (with photos)

Police Hong Kong Island Regional Headquarters, together with the Hospital Authority, the Fire Services Department, the Transport Department, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Lands Department and the Hong Kong Electric, conducted an inter-departmental major incident exercise codenamed "PHOENIXSPIN" at the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital in Happy Valley this morning (November 5). The exercise simulated a large-scale power outage in the area to enhance the collaboration, prevention, and emergency response capabilities of Police and stakeholders.

The first part began with a tabletop exercise, which simulated a major power outage with authentic situations in Wan Chai district during peak hours and a series of subsequent events triggered as a result. Various unexpected incidents were also included in the exercise, requiring immediate deployment to test the response capabilities and response plans of respective departments as well as their collaboration with stakeholders.

The second part of the exercise involved a practical simulation, simulating the impact of the incident on the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, where the backup generators also failed, resulting in the need to urgently transfer some patients to other hospitals. This aimed to test and strengthen the personnel's ability to plan and execute large-scale inter-departmental rescue operations.

The exercise utilised for the first time the Geospatial Analytics, Information and Applications (GAIA) system developed by the Innovation and Solution Lab, Information Systems Wing of Police. The system can provide the spatial information of a specific location by presenting various terrains and buildings in a three-dimensional format. As a result, participating units will be able to quickly understand the relevant terrains and situation in the event of an accident, as well as formulate and execute the optimal action plan based on different situations, thereby enhancing rescue efficiency.

Police will continue to maintain close contact with stakeholders, conduct regular inter-department exercises, and review contingency plans for major incidents to strengthen co-ordination between different departments and organisations.



