<u>Public advised to stay away from</u> <u>disturbances when Police are</u> <u>conducting dispersal operation</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Rioters tonight (October 20) have blocked roads and started fires in Mong Kok, Yau Ma Tei and Sham Shui Po. Police are conducting dispersal operation in Prince Edward and Yau Ma Tei. We note that some rioters have fled to the streets near Nathan Road during the dispersal operation where some bystanders are watching. Police will continue to use the minimum force necessary to disperse the rioters.

Police appeal to everyone in the vicinity to stay away from disturbances and leave immediately.