

## SB responds to media enquiries about Police's operation and relevant investigations

In response to media enquiries today (August 10) on the Police's operation and relevant investigations, a spokesman for the Security Bureau said the following:

The Security Bureau will not comment on operation details. However, it should be pointed out that no one is above the law. Anybody who violates the law must face justice regardless of his/her status or background. The Police will not adopt a tolerant attitude and will take resolute enforcement action in accordance with the law.

In respect of any illegal acts, the Police have the responsibility to make the best efforts to gather evidence and will act in accordance with the laws and procedures. For evidence-gathering in premises, the Police have applied for search warrant from the court in accordance with the law and relevant procedures, and will carry out the search according to the authorisation under the warrant obtained. The Police always carry out search applications and operations based on investigation need, which is both lawful and reasonable.

Upon the promulgation and coming into effect of the National Security Law, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government immediately established the National Security Department under the Hong Kong Police Force, and has been proactively implementing the legal system and enforcement mechanism for safeguarding national security. The Security Bureau staunchly pushes forward and supports the enforcement work of the Police in taking lawful measures to prevent, suppress and punish those acts and activities endangering national security, with a view to safeguarding national security and bringing Hong Kong back on the right track.