### <u>Police conducting dispersal operation</u> <u>in Kwun Tong</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

A large group of violent protestors have occupied Sheung Yuet Road and Wai Yip Street outside Ngau Tau Kok Division Police Station today (August 24), started fires and hurled bricks at police officers. Their acts pose a serious threat to the safety of everyone at scene.

After repeated warnings to the protestors went futile, police officers have deployed tear gas and minimum force to disperse protestors outside Ngau Tau Kok Division Police Station.

Police appeal to everyone at scene to leave immediately and advise residents of the area to stay tuned to the latest situation and if necessary, keep their windows shut and stay indoors.

Police condemn all violent acts by the protestors.

### HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 19 temporary night heat shelters tonight (August 24) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 19 night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western — Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall

3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex 2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern —
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern — Lei Tung Community Hall Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai — Wan Chai Activities Centre LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

#### Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City —
Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong —
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po — Shek Kip Mei Community Hall G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin — Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre 45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong — Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

#### New Territories Districts:

Islands —
Tung Chung Community Hall
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building,
39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing —
Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North -Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling Sai Kung -Hang Hau Community Hall G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O Sha Tin -Lung Hang Estate Community Centre Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin Tai Po -Tai Po Community Centre 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Tsuen Wan -Lei Muk Shue Community Hall G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan Tuen Mun -Butterfly Bay Community Centre Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun Yuen Long -Long Ping Community Hall Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long Yuen Long -Tin Yiu Community Centre Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

# <u>Protestors blocked Wai Yip Street and vandalised Government properties</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Since around 2pm today (August 24), some protestors have set up barricades with water-filled barriers, bamboo sticks and other objects on Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, seriously paralysing traffic and affecting the emergency services in the area.

Some violent protestors maliciously damaged lampposts on Sheung Yuet Road, Kwun Tong and vandalised Government properties, neglecting other road users' safety.

The report room services of Ngau Tau Kok Division Police Station are now temporarily suspended. Police appeal to members of the public not to obstruct the emergency vehicles access so as to avoid affecting the emergency services provided to the public. In case of emergency, please call 999.

Police warn the protestors concerned to stop all illegal acts. Police appeal to other peaceful protestors to leave the area immediately and strongly condemn all unlawful acts.

## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled golf products (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 23) seized 103 suspected unmanifested golf clubs with an estimated market value of about \$500,000 at Man Kam To Control Point and an industrial building unit in Yuen Long.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing private car at Man Kam To Control Point yesterday afternoon and first seized 11 golf clubs on board, that were suspected to be unmanifested items smuggling out by the "ants-move-home" tactic.

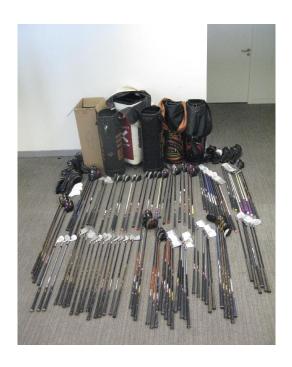
After follow-up investigation, Customs officers further seized 92 golf clubs at an industrial building unit in Yuen Long.

A 45-year-old man was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).



## Chai Wan Public Fill Barging Point closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Civil Engineering and Development Department today (August 24) announced that as the Standby Signal No. 1 has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Chai Wan Public Fill Barging Point will be closed at 4.45pm until further notice.