<u>Appointment of members to Independent</u> <u>Police Complaints Council</u>

The Government today (May 31) announced the new appointment of four members to the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) for a term of two years with effect from June 1, 2024.

The newly appointed members are Mr Kevin Chan Wing-tak, Mr Matthew Lam Kin-hong, Dr Jimmy Wong Chi-ho and Dr Stanley Yim Yuk-lun.

The appointments are made by the Chief Executive according to section 5 of the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (IPCC Ordinance) (Cap. 604).

The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, said, "I am most grateful for the invaluable contributions of the IPCC in safeguarding a fair, effective and transparent two-tier police complaints system in Hong Kong. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing members, Mr Clement Chan Kamwing, Dr Anissa Chan Wong Lai-kuen, Mr Wilson Kwong Wing-tsuen and Mr Roland Wong Ka-yeung. During their tenure, they actively participated in the work of the IPCC and provided constructive advice, assisting the IPCC in performing its independent monitoring functions with a view to ensuring that complaints from the public were handled fairly and impartially."

Mr Tang said that the Government will continue to render full support to the IPCC to give full play to its independent statutory monitoring functions to uphold a fair and impartial police complaints system accountable to the public in Hong Kong.

The IPCC, established under the IPCC Ordinance, is an independent statutory body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the investigation of complaints against members of the Police Force. The IPCC Ordinance provides a statutory basis for the IPCC's role and power as well as the two-tier police complaints system. It also imposes a statutory duty on the Police to comply with the IPCC's requirements. The IPCC comprises a Chairman, three Vice-chairmen and 14 non-official members.