

## **Around 180 persons arrested for participating in unauthorized assemblies in Central and Causeway Bay**

At around 1pm today (May 27), protestors gathered on Pedder Street, Central and Hennessy Road near Percival Street, Causeway Bay, behaving in a disorderly manner and disturbing public peace. In Central, protestors occupied roads and caused obstruction to the traffic. Police adopted a measured and restrained approach and reminded the protestors to leave as their acts were in breach of the Public Order Ordinance (Cap. 245). However, Police warnings were ignored. Officers took enforcement actions and arrested some 180 persons for participating in unauthorized assembly.

Police respect the public's freedom of expression. However, it should be exercised within legal bounds. Protestors are urged to leave immediately. Police will continue to enforce the law.