

Commissioner of Police inspects Police College passing-out parade (with photos)

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Lo Wai-chung, inspected a passing-out parade of probationary inspectors and recruit police constables as a reviewing officer at the Hong Kong Police College today (November 16).

In his speech, Mr Lo encouraged the passing-out officers to stand firm to their values, stay honest and aboveboard, and keep confident, in order to rise to the challenges arising from threats on public safety and order under the current social unrest.

He said: "We must not forget our aspirations in joining the Force, which is to complete the solemn missions of upholding the rule of law and fighting crimes."

Mr Lo mentioned that the overall crime figure in 2018 dropped to 54,225 cases, the figure was the lowest since 1974. It could only be achieved by the joint efforts of Police and the general public. He hoped Police would continue to adhere to the people-oriented principle in serving the community, so as to keep Hong Kong safe and stable.

He also noted that a number of surveys in recent years showed that the public has full confidence in the Force as people's satisfaction rate on Police service was getting new high in the surveys. The Police Service Satisfaction Survey in 2018 showed that 84 per cent of the respondents were satisfied with Police's overall service performance. It's the highest percentage among similar surveys since 2000. Nearly 80 per cent of the respondents expressed confidence in the Force in the Public Opinion Survey conducted in 2018 as well.

Mr Lo said that although a series of incidents occurred in the past few months have brought great challenges to the relationship between Police and the community, as long as the Force stays united and remains steadfast, discharges duties in an honest and aboveboard manner, and continues to enforce the law impartially, the Force will certainly have the support and trust from Hong Kong citizens and tide over the current difficulties one day.

Upon leaving the Force after more than a third of a century of service, Mr Lo said: "My heart is always with the Force. It is my greatest honour to be able to lead this world-class professional police force."

In closing, he quoted classical Cantonese lyrics and hoped Hong Kong people could stay united to make Hong Kong a better place.

