

## [CP attends 17th Pearls in Policing Conference in Vancouver \(with photos\)](#)

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye, led a delegation to Vancouver in Canada to attend the 17th Pearls in Policing Conference from June 8 to 11 (Vancouver time). The theme of the Pearls Conference this year was "The Future of Policing: Fostering Trust and Legitimacy", with a total of 27 law enforcement leaders and academics from 12 countries/regions attended.

Through dialogues, sharings, and peer-to-peer consultation, Mr Siu exchanged insights with other law enforcement leaders on building public trust and ensuring law enforcement agencies' legitimacy. He shared the Force's strategies to leverage digital services to enhance operational efficiency and public safety, and introduced to the audience the HKSOS smart search and rescue mobile application launched early this year. The mobile application allows users to reach the Police Reporting Centre with one-click access to maps, hiking routes and location functions in emergency situations, which allows the Police to identify the exact location of those seeking help.

Mr Siu emphasised that the HKSOS embodies the Force's dedication to public safety and community care. By adopting advanced technology and a citizen-focused approach, the Force demonstrates its commitment to protecting and serving the public, in particular when personal safety is at risk. This innovation not only improves the efficiency of rescue operations but also strengthens the community's trust and confidence in the Police Force.

During the conference, Mr Siu engaged in bilateral exchanges with law enforcement leaders from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Dubai, Europol, France, Singapore, Malaysia, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. These meetings focused on joint efforts to combat transnational crimes, particularly technology crimes, money laundering, and financial investigations. Discussions also underscored the importance of international co-operation and personnel training to strengthen law enforcement capabilities.

The Pearls in Policing is an international think tank where top executives in law enforcement meet to exchange ideas, experiences, and knowledge in a collaborative setting. The annual conference provides participants with an opportunity to share their thoughts on overcoming challenges like polycrisis, emerging technology and human resources invariably encountered by different police forces and forge stronger collaboration.

