

HAD's statement on complaints against Tuen Mun District Council member Mr Cheung Ho-sum

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) recently received a number of complaints against Tuen Mun District Council (DC) member Mr Cheung Ho-sum for displaying a notice instigating participation in special training and action involving "revolution" at his ward office.

A spokesman for the HAD said today (May 18), "The notice displayed at the ward office of Mr Cheung involves a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of a District Council or Its Committees. The HAD issued a letter to the DC member concerned, strongly advising him to remove the notice promptly in order to avoid social disturbance and damage to community harmony."

The HAD also reminded the DC member of the guiding principles and the relevant requirements in the Guidelines on the Remuneration Package for Members of the District Councils of the HKSAR (Remuneration Guidelines), i.e. a DC member should use public funds in an open, fair and accountable manner, and for discharging DC duties. The display of the notice at the ward office of the DC member is not consistent with the guiding principles and the relevant requirements of the Remuneration Guidelines.

Furthermore, the HAD referred the complaints to the Chairman of the Tuen Mun DC so that she can follow up. The HAD hopes that the Tuen Mun DC would handle the case impartially, and ensure that DC members would refrain from acts that may compromise or impair their integrity, impartiality, objectivity or ability to perform duties and thereby bring the DC into disrepute.