

Hong Kong Police forge collaboration and partnership at World Police Summit 2024 in Dubai (with photos)

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye, spearheaded a 19-member delegation, composed of experts on information technology, drones, traffic policing, child protection and police dogs, to attend the World Police Summit 2024 from March 5 to 7 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a prestigious annual event for law enforcement agencies around the globe to share the latest police knowledge and innovation for the advancement of policing and promotion of international collaboration.

This year, the World Police Summit has witnessed an unprecedented gathering of senior officers from 138 countries engaging in international dialogues on pressing issues in the realm of law enforcement, addressing contemporary policing challenges and fighting transnational crimes through global co-operation and knowledge exchange. Being part of the highlights, Mr Siu together with the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Information Systems Wing), Ms Kwan Chui-ching; and the Chief Superintendent of Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau, Mr Lam Cheuk-ho were invited to speak at the summit.

Speaking at the Commissioner Keynote session which marked the opening of the summit, Mr Siu emphasised that compassion and empathy, coupled with effective internal communication, were the anchors of effective leadership in law enforcement. These values are essential for fostering a strong relationship between the Police and both the community and its personnel, thereby maintaining public trust and confidence.

As an illustrative example, Mr Siu highlighted Police's extensive efforts during the pandemic to support the healthcare sector. In particular, officers who underwent tactical emergency medical training were deployed to assist ambulance staff, demonstrating the Police's commitment to caring for the community in times of need.

To ensure effective internal communication and provide staunch and proactive support to the frontline, Mr Siu treasured direct dialogues with frontline officers and drew strength from their ideas to transform individual intelligence into organisational wisdom. Besides, he was dedicated to enlisting support from working partners with a view to creating conducive operational environment to facilitate officers' work, in particular the frontline officers. Finally, Mr Siu also shared his views on how visibility of top management could give assurance to both the public and the frontline officers.

In another session, Ms Kwan shared the Force's strategies in advancing intelligence-led policing through cutting-edge technical capabilities, while Mr Lam provided an in-depth look at the Force's innovative tactics in pre-empting cybercrime, highlighting the singular effectiveness of "Scameter", a

one-stop scam and pitfall search engine.

At the summit, the Information Systems Wing of the Police Force showcased its latest technological breakthrough – the HKSOS smart search and rescue mobile application unveiled in January. 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 represents a significant leap forward in emergency response and public safety.

Meanwhile, Mr Siu engaged in bilateral talks with high-ranking officials from Australia, the Netherlands, Spain, Vietnam and the UAE respectively to further the summit's goals. These pivotal discussions centred on the joint effort to combat transnational crimes, with a focus on technology crimes, money laundering, and financial investigation. The dialogues also encompassed the essential aspects of international co-operation and cross-rank personnel training.

Since its inception in 2021 by the Dubai Police, the annual World Police Summit has set the stage for law enforcement agencies worldwide to converge and share insights on policing. The participation of Hong Kong Police Force has contributed to the continual evolution of global law enforcement practices.



