

# Law enforcement agencies get prepared to ensure smooth and orderly conduct of election

The polling of the 2021 Legislative Council General Election will be held tomorrow (December 19). The Security Bureau and its disciplined services departments have carried out meticulous deployment and preparation for this election, and are confident in and capable of ensuring that the election is conducted successfully in a safe and orderly manner as well as coping with any potential security risks and activities that may disrupt the election.

A spokesman for the Security Bureau today (December 18) said the Police will continue to enhance intelligence gathering and cyber patrols for early identification and deterrence of acts endangering public safety by saboteurs, and at the same time strengthen interception to prevent individuals possessing illegal items from entering election sites and other important public places. The Police will also work with the Special Constables comprising members of various disciplined services departments to carry out high-profile patrols at places where crowds gather and around important buildings etc, and will take resolute law enforcement action to combat any conduct endangering public order and safety.

The spokesman reiterated that inciting others to cast blank votes or not to vote by public activities during an election period may contravene the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance, whether the conduct occurs in Hong Kong or elsewhere. The spokesman reminded the public not to engage in making illegal appeals or repost relevant illegal contents. Otherwise, they may need to bear legal responsibility. The spokesman emphasised that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will take resolute action against any illegal conduct and not allow culprits to remain at large.

Lastly, the spokesman urged all eligible electors to treasure their civil rights and vote actively in the interests of Hong Kong tomorrow to select capable people, laying a solid foundation for the implementation of "patriots administering Hong Kong" and thereby contributing to the future development of the city.