<u>Masked rioters vandalise facilities in</u> <u>shops in Tai Po</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

At around 3pm, a large group of masked protestors gathered in the Tai Po Mega Mall while some rioters vandalised a restaurant with iron rods and umbrellas, leaving its gate defaced and its display monitors and glass panes shattered. Masked rioters fled and Police officers arrived at scene to handle the crime case.

At around 5.30pm, a large group of protestors gathered outside the shopping mall in a standoff with Police officers. Some threw water bottles, eggs and other trash at the officers from height. Police warn the protestors concerned that they are participating in an unlawful assembly. Police officers entered the shopping mall, to which masked protestors had fled, to embark on an arrest operation.

Police warn all rioters to stop all violent and illegal acts.