

Police accept PCPD's investigation report

Police accept the investigation report of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) issued today (December 22) on an incident happened in Tai Po Mega Mall on December 26 last year and will follow up the four recommendations proposed in the report.

Police all along attach great importance to privacy for personal data and are committed to complying with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Police also demand officers to always abide by the requirements of the Ordinance.

Regarding information security and protection of personal data, Police have clear and stringent guidelines and procedures regulating the handling and use of personal data by officers while performing duties.

Police agree that there was shortcoming for the officer concerned to display the identity card of the relevant reporter during the incident. Police have rebuked the involved officer and will conduct disciplinary review with reference to the contents of the investigation report.

A Police spokesman said, "Police accept the views presented in the investigation report and will follow up the four proposed recommendations. Police will review relevant policies and guidelines as well as enhance training for officers in order to ensure that officers of different ranks understand and abide by the Ordinance and the relevant data protection principles. Police will continue to adopt all practical measures to protect personal data privacy."