

Police attach great importance to the injured people at Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the rights of arrested persons

Police are aware of injuries inside Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) which has been struck by recurrent violence. Police attach great importance to the situation and have arranged for ambulances to convey injured people to hospital for treatment. This morning (November 18), Police started to make arrangement for Red Cross volunteers to enter the PolyU. At around 2pm, Red Cross volunteers arrived at PolyU to provide first aid to injured people, some of whom would be conveyed to hospital if necessary.

With reference to the latest development, Police will assist the injured people who have left the PolyU to first receive treatment in hospital before further investigation.

Police stress that there are stringent and comprehensive guidelines on handling the rights of underage arrested persons. Police officers will make the best effort to arrange for appropriate adults to accompany the arrested persons and to render assistance.

Police are also aware that President of the PolyU Teng Jin-gaung stated he would accompany arrested people to Police stations. Police have actively engaged the school's management to make respective arrangement. Police stress that we always endeavour to seek a peaceful resolution to the violent incidents in the PolyU.

Since a large amount of weapons, including petrol bombs and explosives, remain on PolyU campus and dangerous chemicals have been stolen from the laboratory, this poses a grave threat to public safety. Police once again appeal to masked rioters to put an end to violence, listen to Police instructions and leave the campus in an orderly manner.