<u>Police National Security Department</u> <u>arrested four men and two women for</u> <u>suspected contravention of National</u> <u>Security Law</u>

The National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force (NSD) arrested four men and two women, aged between 32 and 67, in various districts, including Tin Hau, Mong Kok, Ngau Tau Kok, Tsuen Wan, Sheung Shui and Cheung Chau, this morning (April 6) for suspected of doing an act or acts with seditious intention, contravening Section 9 and 10 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200). The arrested persons are being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation revealed that the arrested persons are suspected of having purposely caused nuisance during their attendance for hearing in different courts, including the High Court, the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts and the Eastern Magistrates' Courts, between December 2021 and January 2022. These acts severely affected jurisdictional dignity and court operations.

Besides, Police conducted searches at the arrested persons' residences with a court warrant. A number of items in suspected connection with the case, including records of conspiracy to cause nuisance in the courts, were seized.

Police remind members of the public that "doing an act or acts with seditious intention to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against the administration of justice in Hong Kong" is a serious crime. Offenders shall be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for two years. Members of the public are urged not to defy the law.