## <u>Police National Security Department</u> arrests one man

The National Security Department (NSD) of the Hong Kong Police Force conducted an enforcement operation yesterday afternoon (October 16) and arrested a 57-year-old man in Tuen Mun, for being suspected of "doing an act or acts with seditious intention", contravening Section 9 and 10 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200).

Investigation revealed that the arrested man was suspected of repeatedly publishing posts with seditious intention on social platforms, with content provoking hatred towards the Central Authorities and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, advocating "independence of Hong Kong", demanding sanctions against government officials and inciting the use of violence.

Police conducted searches at the arrested man's residence with a court warrant. Some electronic communication devices used to publish seditious messages were seized.

NSD laid a holding charge against the arrested man with one count of "doing an act or acts with seditious intention" this afternoon (October 17).

The case will be mentioned at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow morning (October 18).