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

The National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force yesterday afternoon (June 26) conducted an enforcement operation and arrested a 63-year-old man in Tsim Sha Tsui for 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 media platforms, including content which incited the overthrow of the Central Authorities, provoked hatred towards the Central Authorities and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, advocated "Taiwan independence" and "Hong Kong independence" and desecrated the national flag and national anthem. The arrested person is being detained for further enquiries.

Besides, Police conducted searches at the arrested man's residence and office with a court warrant. Some electronic communication devices which were used to publish seditious messages were seized. Police remind members of the public that "doing an act or acts with seditious intention" is a serious crime. Offenders shall be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for two years on first conviction. Members of the public are urged not to defy the law.