## <u>Police National Security Department</u> continues enforcement action

The National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force arrested six women and a man on May 28 and 29, on suspicion of committing "Offences in Connection with Seditious Intention", contravening Section 24 of the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance. After investigation, the woman who was arrested on May 29 was also suspected of committing the offence of "providing pecuniary or other financial assistance or property for the commission of secession by other persons", contravening Section 21 of the National Security Law. Investigation revealed that she supported fugitive Law Kwun-chung and other individuals through an online subscription platform, with money amounting to approximately \$140,000.

Among the arrested persons, one woman continued to be remanded in custody in Tai Lam Centre for Women, whereas another five women and one man have been released on bail.

Police reiterate that offences in connection with seditious intention are very serious crimes, with a maximum penalty of up to seven years' imprisonment.

Police remind the public that it is an offence for any person to incite, assist in, abet or provide pecuniary or other financial assistance or property to another person, by any means whatsoever (including through online platform), for committing offences endangering national security, and stress that Police will continue to take strict enforcement actions against such illegal acts and urge members of the public to abide by the law.