

Police urge the public not to take part in unauthorised assemblies

Police have noticed that someone has been calling on members of the public to take part in unauthorised assemblies in Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui today (August 30). Police reiterate that anyone participating in such events may commit the offence of “taking part in an unauthorised assembly” in accordance with the Public Order Ordinance and be liable to a maximum penalty of five years’ imprisonment. Besides, engaging in public gatherings will also increase the risk of transmitting the virus in the community and may commit certain offences under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation regarding prohibited group gatherings.

In view of the severe pandemic situation, members of the public should cut down on social gatherings and practice social distancing to reduce the chance of contracting or spreading the virus. For the sake of public health and public safety, Police call upon everyone to refrain from taking part in prohibited group gatherings and unauthorised assemblies. Police do not condone any illegal acts and will take resolute enforcement actions, including issuing summonses and making arrests.