<u>Protestor hurled a smoke bomb in</u> Shatin

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

At around 3.30pm today (December 15), protestors gathered at New Town Plaza in Shatin and vandalised shops. They also blocked the entrances and staircases of the shopping mall with miscellaneous objects. In response to the illegal acts, Police officers entered the shopping mall to take enforcement actions. When officers left the shopping mall subsequently, someone hurled a smoke bomb at the bus terminus outside Exit A of Shatin MTR station.

Police state that there were many citizens waiting for buses at the bus terminus while the smoke bomb went off. The act of hurling smoke bomb at crowded area was extremely irresponsible as it could cause chaos and stir up public fear.

Police condemn the reckless acts of the protestors and warn them to stop all illegal activities and leave immediately.