<u>Rioters hurl smoke bombs in Tsim Sha</u> <u>Tsui stirring up public fear</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

A public order event is held in Tsim Sha Tsui this afternoon (December 1). At around 5pm, hundreds of rioters hurled smoke bombs near Empire Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui, stirring up public fear and causing chaos. In the face of the situation, Police officers had no other alternatives but deployed the minimum necessary force, including tear gas, to stop illegal acts.

Police condemn the reckless acts of the rioters and warn them to stop all illegal activities.

Members of the public are advised to avoid travelling to the area. Residents in the vicinity should stay tuned to the latest situation, stay indoors and keep their windows shut, if necessary.