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Terms of Reference

 In the light of the controversy surrounding the Visit of the Vice-Premier Li Keqiang to the University of Hong Kong, to review the areas of concerns with a view to making recommendations to the Council on means of improving arrangements and establishing appropriate mechanisms and policies for future University events to make sure that HKU will continue its commitment to freedom, liberty and diversity and will always remain a place for freedom of expression.

Did police use force justifiably?

- The Police had used unnecessary and unjustifiable force to push the students into the Stairwell. (8.4)
 - the three students posed no danger or obstruction to any person
 - there were clearly other options for containing the situation
 - Police failed to respect the University's repeated requests to refrain from any physical confrontation















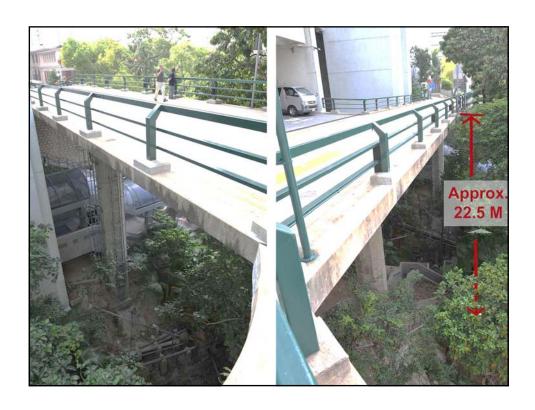












Were the 3 students falsely imprisoned?

- Panel prefers not to express any definitive view on this issue (6.58)
 - Panel did not have the benefit of assistance from the Police and two of the Three Students on the details of this incident.
 - Could be a live issue in possible litigation in the future
- No false imprisonment of the students on the part of the security guards (6.44)
 - No allegation of false imprisonment against HKU security guards
- Panel has great reservation if such claim of false imprisonment could be substantiated (6.49)
 - No attempt on the part of the Police to prevent the Three Students from leaving the Stairwell









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