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Dear Miss Ma,

With regard to the letter from the Panel dated 14 June 2013 relaying the Hon James TO Kun-sun's views on and enquiries about the issue of violence, our reply is as follows:

Hong Kong is governed by the rule of law, and the Police are duty-bound to protect the life of the public. The Police attach great importance to the combat of serious crimes and adopt a zero-tolerance attitude towards any acts of violence. "Combating violent crime" has been listed by the Hong Kong Police Force as one of the Commissioner's Operational Priorities in 2013, and the Police will ensure a strong police presence to deter such crimes. In the event of serious crimes, such as cases of wounding and serious assault, the Police will conduct rigorous investigations and take follow-up actions in order to bring the culprits to justice.

The Police do not maintain statistics on acts of “political violence”. As for cases of wounding and serious assault, the crime figures have been on the downward trend in recent years, decreasing from about 8 000 cases in 2007 to about 6 800 cases in 2012. The detection rate has remained at around 70% for the past few years. Please refer to Annex for detailed figures.

The Hon TO mentioned about two cases in his letter. With regard to the case in which a participant of a memorial activity was assaulted, the Police have arrested a male suspected to be involved in the case. As for the other case in which the iSun Affairs Weekly’s person-in-charge was assaulted with wooden sticks, the investigation is still going on and no one has been arrested so far.

The Police will protect the personal safety of the general public in a non-discriminatory manner and will continue to take all practicable measures to prevent serious crimes.

Yours sincerely,

(Millie NG)
for Secretary for Security

**Figures in Relation to Wounding and Serious Assault Cases
between 2007 and 2012**

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of crime cases | 8 078 | 7 882 | 7 688 | 7 140 | 6 904 | 6 818 |
| Detection rate | 71.1% | 69.3% | 69.0% | 66.1% | 68.0% | 69.8% |
| Number of arrestees | 6 498 | 5 985 | 5 878 | 5 225 | 5 289 | 5 317 |