The situation in Hong Kong has been escalating. We put staff and student safety as our top priority and have endeavoured to provide a safe learning and working environment for everyone.

We must stress that law enforcement officers need to follow established guidelines and regulations and to communicate with the University in advance if they need to enter CityU campus to carry out their duties. In our understanding, the police cleared road blocks and took action at areas near Cornwall Street and the outer zone of the student hall area yesterday (12 November). According to our preliminary understanding, the police took action at the footbridge opposite to the student halls (note: the footbridge is government property) and did not enter the campus or the student halls. The University will continue to handle related matters, including communicating with the police if necessary, and look into the situation according to the existing mechanism.

On the other hand, we have noticed that many places and facilities on campus have been seriously damaged. Areas around the campus may also be affected by police enforcement actions. We are now making every effort to repair, clean up and wash down those affected areas.

We once again call upon the University community to join together in the spirit of harmony and warmth so that everyone with different backgrounds and cultures can study and work in a safe environment. We will continue to monitor closely the development of the situation and release the latest information in a timely manner.

Staff and students who are in need or who encounter special circumstances can contact the ERU through Professor Eric Chui, Dean of Students, and the Student Development Services team at enquiry.eru@cityu.edu.hk. The ERU will continue to communicate directly with staff and students and refer enquiries to the corresponding departments for appropriate assistance. In emergency situations, staff and students may call our 24-hour emergency hotline: 3442 8888.

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