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Online disclosure of personal data for doxxing purposes in Hong Kong

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Wave of doxxing in Hong Kong since June 2019

	By the end of October 2020*
No. of doxxing cases handled (including complaints and cases found by PCPD's proactive surveillance)	4,753
Cases involving Police Officers and their family members	35%
Cases involving government officials and public servants	4%
Cases involving members of the public who allegedly expressed support to the Government or the Police	30%
Cases involving members of the public who allegedly voiced opposition against the Government or the Police	31%

* The PCPD received the first complaint relating to doxxing on 14 June 2019.

Follow-up actions taken by PCPD

	By the end of October 2020
No. of online platforms contacted	18
No. of written requests sent to platforms for removing the doxxing web links	Over 200
No. of links requested to be removed	Over 3,500

Collaborate internationally to tackle doxxing

Difficulties in handling doxxing cases

- Most doxxing contents are hosted on overseas platforms
- Difficult to trace the identities of doxers

Actions taken by the PCPD

- Liaising with overseas DPAs & overseas domain registration companies
- Seeking assistance in taking follow-up actions, e.g. removal of doxxing contents

International collaboration is essential in tackling online doxxing

Thank you

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