

Police Information

(Urgent)

To All School Principals

Burglary Prevention Guidelines for Schools during Chinese New Year

- ◆ The Judiciary Police issued theft prevention guidelines to all schools in Macao last July, reminding them to adopt appropriate safety measures against theft over the summer holiday. Unfortunately, a few schools were burgled and properties worth tens to hundreds of thousands dollars were stolen.
- ◆ There have been a spate of street robberies and pickpocketings recently in Macao, while house-breaking and shop burglary are on the rise.
- ◆ Many schools will be left unguarded during Lunar New Year, perpetrators are likely to take this opportunity to sneak into schools and steal valuables. Schools that have been burgled before could become culprits' targets again.
- ◆ Therefore, we would like to advise all schools (those who have fallen victims to theft before, in particular) to be extra cautious, especially during Christmas holiday. Schools should reinforce their existing anti-theft measures and safeguard their properties against any loss in order to avoid any hindrance to the studies of students and the operations of schools.

Advice:

- ◆ Make sure all door locks are sturdy.
- ◆ Is the enclosing wall of the school easy for someone to climb over?
- ◆ Install burglar alarm system.
- ◆ Install surveillance cameras.
- ◆ Maintain a regular check on your anti-theft system.
- ◆ Keep all computers, audio systems and valuables under lock and key.
- ◆ Hire security guards to look after the premises, if possible.
- ◆ Minimise the number of personnel responsible for the keys to the premises.

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