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Dear Community Partners and Residents

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD

1. Chinese New Year is just round the corner. Your commercial and residential premises may be left unoccupied during this festive period. While the Police will step up our patrol and vigilance, you must not let your guard down and allow your premises to be the next target of housebreaking and theft.

Common Modus Operandi

2. The common mode of operation employed by housebreakers to gain entry into the premises is by forcing open the doors or windows. The culprits may also gain entry through false ceilings or ventilation openings.

Preventive Measures

3. The value of the stolen items in housebreaking cases can be quite substantial and a great loss to the owner of the premises. Whilst the Police take every step to detect, deter and prevent crime, we strongly urge yourselves, as the owner of the premises, to play active roles in securing and safe guarding your premises properly. You are encouraged to consider adopting the following crime prevention measures to minimise your security risks:

- a) Use solid and quality locks for your main doors and windows.
- b) False ceilings and ventilation openings should be grilled up/secured against intrusion.
- c) Expensive equipment should be kept in a room which is locked and secured.
- d) Do not leave large amount of cash overnight in your premises.
- e) If necessary, valuable or important items should be kept in a good quality safe that is embedded against the wall or to the floor to prevent the safe from being carted away.
- f) Install a burglar alarm systems in your premises and link it to a central alarm monitoring station.
- g) Install a CCTV system in your premises. Cameras should be strategically located to cover risk areas in your premises to deter/detect the culprit(s).
- h) Arrange for staff to conduct regular visits to your premises.

4. If you have any information in helping us to solve any of the cases or wish to report suspicious person(s) loitering around your neighbourhood, please contact Bukit Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre at **1800-2369999** or the Police hot-line at **999**. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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