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Professor Cheung gave a talk entitled “Challenges of a Divided Community” in the “Partnership with Our Community Symposium” co-hosted by the Hong Kong Police Force and Centre for Criminology of University of Hong Kong.

A press conference was organized immediately after the symposium was over, and Professor Cheung was one of the symposium members who met with the press. Links to the newspapers that reported on the symposium and press conference are given below:

Metro都市日報
星島日報
大公報
文匯報
The Standard
英文虎報
頭條日報

Abstract

Partnership with the community is a routine element of police work today. There is a lot more that the police can contribute to the society besides law enforcement. A community changes all the time, which affects police’s relationship with the community as well as strategies for community partnership. I argue that two of the most salient changes in the past two decades in Hong Kong that have implications for police’s community engagement are (1) the generational divide and (2) the political divide. The generational divide is characterised by the increasing dissociation of the younger generation from traditional cultural values and conventional authorities in search of a new youth identity and a sense of security in a so-called risk society, where there is tough competition due to economic globalisation, and an emphasis on individual decision making in various aspects of life.