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# Police cameras provide leads in 1,100 cases, more will be deployed



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Ang Mo Kio Town Centre was among the first to have cameras installed under PolCam 2.0.  
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SINGAPORE — As of May, 2,300 video clips from police cameras installed in Housing and Development Board blocks and multi-storey car parks have provided leads to help the police solve more than 1,100 cases, including unlicensed moneylending, theft and outrage of modesty.

The Singapore Police Force gave this update yesterday following the completion of the installation of more than 62,000 cameras in all 10,000 public apartment blocks and multi-storey car parks under the PolCam 1.0 rollout plan, which started in April 2012.

The police are now expanding its programme with PolCam 2.0, which is the installation of cameras to public areas in town centres, neighbourhood centres, hawker centres and walkways leading to transportation nodes such as MRT stations and bus interchanges.

The first cameras under PolCam 2.0 were installed last month at Ang Mo Kio Town Centre, Bedok Town Centre and Jurong Gateway. About 11,000 more cameras will

be progressively installed over the next few years at 2,500 locations islandwide.

In March, as the terrorist threat began to hit its highest level in recent times, the Ministry of Home Affairs announced a raft of counter-terrorism measures that included greater closed-circuit television surveillance in places with high human traffic.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) Lau Peet Meng said yesterday that the police cameras at public housing blocks and multi-storey car parks have helped to keep homes and neighbourhoods safe.

“The expansion of police cameras to other public areas in the neighbourhood and town centres will further strengthen the police’s ability to deter, detect and solve crimes,” he added.

“We will continue to leverage technology as part of our crime-fighting and counter-terrorism strategies to ensure a safe and secure home for everyone.”

The PolCam 2.0 cameras will be completed over the next four years.

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