

## AFCD appeals to public not to attempt to approach wild pigs

In response to an appeal made by an organisation to members of the public to guide wild pigs away from urban areas, a spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department today (January 11) strongly appealed to members of the public not to approach, or attempt to come into contact with or disturb, the animals in any way for safety's sake. Members of the public should keep calm and stay away from wild pigs upon encountering them.

Wild pigs are dangerous wild animals, especially those that have become accustomed to scavenging and being fed in urban areas, or are huge in size. They may bite or knock down members of the public while getting food from citizens.

In addition, wild pigs may also transmit zoonotic diseases, such as tuberculosis, hepatitis E, influenza A and Streptococcus suis infection, thereby posing threats to public health.