

## **Suspected cases test negative for MERS-CoV**

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health today (July 28) reported that the two suspected cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) pending results on July 27 upon preliminary testing, tested negative for MERS Coronavirus.

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## **Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 28) that due to inclement weather, the red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **Hospital Authority enhances electronic payment services (with photos)**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) has recently introduced over 30 new one-stop electronic kiosks in 13 public hospitals\* to progressively replace the existing old model. The new electronic kiosks enhance the registration and payment functions for specialist outpatient services. Patients or their carers can use either the appointment slip or the patient's Hong Kong Identity Card to register for consultation and settle attendance fees and drug charges, which is more convenient and can save queuing time. The new kiosks accept payments by Octopus and contactless credit cards issued by local banks. The HA will continue to replace the old electronic kiosks, enhance the kiosks' functionalities and provide more payment means such as accepting payments by electronic wallets.

Furthermore, HA hospital shroff offices now accept payments by

electronic wallets, where patients can make payments by presenting the Quick Response code (Alipay or WeChat Pay) on their smartphones. Patients are offered more choices on top of the traditional payment methods, including cash, Octopus and credit cards. The public may enquire at the hospitals' shroff offices for more information.

The HA will continue to improve payment procedures for the greater convenience of the public in using public hospital services.

\* Including Hong Kong Children's Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Queen Mary Hospital, Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals, St John Hospital, Tin Shui Wai Hospital, Tseung Kwan O Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital, Tung Wah Eastern Hospital and United Christian Hospital.



## [Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (July 30) to consider eight applications for new issue, renewal, and transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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Baby B, ICHU and Panino Giusto in Central

Kowloon:

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AQUA 2 and RED HOUSE in Tsim Sha Tsui  
BBQ STATION SICHUAN CUISINE, HOTPOT in To Kwa Wan

New Territories:

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"Fisherman Chicken Pot" in Tai Po  
KWONG YUEN RESTAURANT in Sheung Shui

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

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## [Innotech safely trains technicians](#)

Launched in September last year, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department's Interactive Learning Centre features the latest technological advancements such as virtual reality and 3D hologram projections to enable trainees to practise procedures under a safe environment.

News.gov.hk spoke to one of the department's senior engineers and two technician trainees to find out how applying innovation and technology to talent training helps enhance their efficiency.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (July 28) in text and video format.