

Hospital Authority announces an incident of software problem in pathological test equipment

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (23 June) announced the following incident of software problem in pathological test equipment:

The HA received notification from Abbott Laboratories Limited (Abbott) on June 18 about a software issue in the pathological test equipment "Alinity ci-series System". The software problem may cause incorrect patient results if the equipment is stopped and then restarted under a particular start-up procedure.

There are a total of 13 Alinity ci-series analysers in the HA, which are installed at Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH).

The supplier's engineers and hospitals concerned have reviewed the system logs and testing procedures of all the equipment concerned from June 2018 onwards, which was the service period of these equipment.

The spokesperson pointed out that all test results of PWH were unaffected at PWH.

"In PMH, there are 102 tests involved, which are mainly for hepatitis and HIV serology testing. Among the tests, results of 67 tests have been reconfirmed correct. There are also 35 tests involving 22 patients that require further review on the need of retesting. The hospital will approach the patients to explain the necessary follow-up arrangement in due course."

"In TMH, there are 92 tumour marker and other tests involving 86 patients that require further review on the need for retesting. The review by clinicians is underway and the patients will be approached for the necessary arrangement accordingly," the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, all hospitals will adopt necessary procedural steps in using the equipment as recommended by the supplier to mitigate the issue until the software upgrade is available. The HA has reported the incident to the Department of Health.

Correctional officers stop fighting among remand persons in custody

Correctional officers at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre stopped a fight among remand persons in custody yesterday (June 22).

At 8.14pm yesterday, five male remand persons in custody aged between 22 and 55 were found fighting inside the dormitory. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

During the incident, one person in custody sustained injury to his head and knee etc. while another person in custody sustained injury to his head and back etc. Both of them were required to be referred to a public hospital for further examination and treatment after the treatment provided by the institution Medical Officer. The other three persons in custody did not sustain any injury.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The five persons in custody were remanded for the offences of trafficking in a dangerous drug, possession of a dangerous drug, loitering and possession of offensive weapons respectively.

SHA to attend opening ceremony of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Arts Festival in Guangzhou

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, will depart for Guangzhou tomorrow afternoon (June 24) to attend the opening ceremony of the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Arts Festival.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Arts Festival is jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (SARG), the Macao SARG and the Guangdong Provincial Government. The first arts festival will be hosted by Guangzhou. The opening ceremony will take place on June 24 at the Guangzhou Opera House with cities in the Greater Bay Area participating. Around 100 activities of various arts forms will be included in the festival in 2019, including programmes of Hong Kong arts groups.

Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong in the morning on Tuesday (June 25).

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 (June 25) to consider seven applications for renewal, transfer and amendment of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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The Old Man and the Sea and Itchi in Sheung Wan
CHIFA and The Diner in Central

New Territories:

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BAR PACIFIC in Tuen Mun
"Sam Pei Kitchen" and "Yuen Kee" in Tsuen Wan

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.

Ngong Ping attraction "Wisdom Path" upgrades facilities to enhance visitors' travel experience (with photos)

The "Wisdom Path", one of Ngong Ping's attractions, has recently undergone improvement works with new facilities such as a commemorative plaque for the late Professor Jao Tsung-I, a site map, benches, QR codes to allow easy access to the updated site information on the web, as well as improved trails and directional signage to bring more convenient, comfortable and fulfilling travel experience to members of the public and tourists.

"Visitors can better understand the history and background of the 'Wisdom Path' from the commemorative plaque which displays the biography and academic achievements of the late Professor Jao. They can also scan the QR codes on the newly-added facilities and viewing platform with their mobile phones, which will redirect them to the website of the Tourism Commission on the attraction," a Tourism Commission spokesman said today (June 23).

To tie in with the improvement works, the website has been revamped with new design and content with graphic illustration to introduce the "Wisdom Path".

"We would like to express special gratitude to the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole of the University of Hong Kong and the Jao Studies Foundation for their assistance in the improvement works and the provision of the late Professor Jao's calligraphy and painting masterpieces. We have incorporated them into the design of the newly-added commemorative plaque and site map for visitors' appreciation," the spokesman said.

The late Professor Jao Tsung-I donated his original calligraphy featuring the "Prajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra" (Heart Sutra) to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2002. The calligraphy was reproduced in the form of a large-scale outdoor wood inscription on a natural slope at the foot of Lantau Peak near Ngong Ping of Lantau Island. The timber columns, erected according to the mountain slope and integrated with the nature, became a unique large-scale outdoor art piece and was named as the "Wisdom Path". Since its opening in May 2005, the "Wisdom Path" has become one of the top tourist attractions on the Lantau and has been welcomed by members of the public and visitors.

The improvement project for the "Wisdom Path" was undertaken by the Tourism Commission in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department, the Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department and the Islands District Office. For more details about the "Wisdom Path", please visit the website www.tourism.gov.hk/wisdompath.

