

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the service demand surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

MD announcement

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department today (May 13) reminded masters, coxswains and persons-in-charge of vessels navigating in Hong Kong waters to proceed at a safe speed and exercise extreme caution because restricted visibility of less than 2 nautical miles has been reported.

Appropriate sound signals shall be made when underway or at anchor. All vessels must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea.

Also, when radar is used without the benefit of adequate plotting facilities, the information obtained from the equipment is rather limited and should be construed accordingly.

Visibility reports are broadcast by the Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) on VHF channels 02, 12, 14, 63 and 67.

In the event of an accident, a report shall be made immediately to the VTC at Tel: 2233 7801.

Bun Scrambling Competition concludes successfully

The male and female champions of the annual Bun Scrambling Competition, which was the grand finale of the 2019 Bun Carnival, were decided in an exciting contest held early this morning (May 13) at the soccer pitch of Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau. The male champion also won the first "King of Kings" award.

The event attracted around 1 800 spectators to experience the thrilling atmosphere of the competition. They witnessed 12 finalists scrambling up the bun tower to snatch as many buns as they could within a three-minute time limit to vie for the championships.

Apart from the individual race, there was also an invitation relay in which three teams from Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Macao competed against seven local teams from Cheung Chau.

The results are as follows:

<u>Individual contest</u>	<u>Result</u>
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Men

Champion: Kwok Ka-ming	966 marks
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First runner-up: Chung Ching-man	763 marks
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Second runner-up: Wong Kam-man, Samuel	648 marks
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Women

Champion: Kung Tsz-shan	675 marks
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Winner of "King of Kings": Kwok Ka-ming (three-time champion in the men's division since 2016)

Winner of "Full Pockets of Lucky Buns": Kwok Ka-ming (Number of buns grabbed: 112)

<u>Invitation relay</u>	<u>Result</u>
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Championship:

Shenzhen Mountaineering and Outdoor Sports Association and 42 seconds	2 minutes
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First runner-up:

Zhuhai Climbing Association Team and 46 seconds	2 minutes and
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Second runner-up:

HK & KLN Floating Fishermen Welfare

[Opening remarks of USFH at media standup](#)

The Food and Health Bureau, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department met with live pig buyers and meat trade representatives at the Central Government Offices today (May 12). Following is the opening remarks of the Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Chui Tak-yi, at the media session:

Today, we have another meeting with live pig buyers and meat trade representatives. The discussion is very frank and also productive. We have reached three consensus.

First, we agreed to start the culling and the disinfection process as soon as possible in Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse. If everything is smooth, starting from tomorrow, the whole process will be completed in seven days. The second consensus is the Government will communicate with the Mainland's General Administration of Customs, and with the cooperation of the buyers and traders, to resume the supply of live pigs to Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse as soon as possible. The third point is we will continue to discuss with the trade on refining the scope of culling of live pigs in slaughterhouse in case African Swine Fever is detected again.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 11) seized about two kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa yesterday. During Customs clearance, two slabs of suspected cocaine were found concealed inside the false compartments of his brief case. The man was then arrested.

The arrested man, aged 71, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. He will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 13).

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

