Fatal traffic accident in Wong Tai Sin

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Wong Tai Sin last night (January 4) in which a 32-year-old woman died.

At about 8pm, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 28-year-old man was travelling along Lung Cheung Road towards Wong Tai Sin. When approaching Hammer Hill Road, it reportedly crashed into a kerb and an electric meter box.

The 32-year-old female passenger was thrown out of the LGV. Sustaining multiple injuries, she was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 8.31pm.

The driver sustained no injury and was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon East is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2305 7500 or 2305 7570.

<u>Appeal for information on missing maning Kwun Tong</u>

Police today (January 4) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Chow Yue-wen, aged 78, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Kwun Tong Station yesterday (January 3) night. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.6 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a grey jacket, beige trousers, black shoes, carrying a black rucksack and a red recycle bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



CHP investigates a case of severe paediatric influenza A infection

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (January 4) investigating a case of severe paediatric influenza A infection.

The case involves a 7-year-old boy with good past health, who has presented with fever, cough and runny nose since December 29 and convulsion on January 3. He attended North District Hospital for medical advice on January 3 and was admitted to the paediatric intensive care unit of Prince of Wales Hospital on the same day for further management. He is now in a stable condition.

His nasopharyngeal aspirate tested positive for influenza A (H1) virus upon laboratory testing. The clinical diagnosis was influenza A infection complicated with meningoencephalitis.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient had not received seasonal influenza vaccination for the current season and had no travel history during the incubation period. His younger sister had upper respiratory tract infection (URI) symptoms recently and was admitted to Union Hospital for treatment. She is now recovered and was discharged. His father and grandmother also had URI symptoms and sought medical attention but no hospitalisation is required. Three of them are all in a stable condition. His other home contact has remained asymptomatic so far.

The CHP's investigations are ongoing.

"Hong Kong has entered the 2018-19 winter influenza season. We anticipate that local seasonal influenza activity will continue to rise in

the coming weeks and remain at an elevated level for some time. Members of the public should remain vigilant for protection against influenza," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"Particularly, children, people aged 50 to 64 years, the elderly and those with underlying illnesses who have not yet received influenza vaccination this season are urged to get vaccinated as early as possible to prevent seasonal influenza as it takes about two weeks for antibodies to develop in the body after vaccination. They should promptly seek medical advice if influenza-like symptoms develop so that appropriate treatment can be initiated as early as possible to prevent potential complications. Parents and carers are reminded to render assistance in prevention, care and control for vulnerable people," the spokesman added.

Besides receiving seasonal influenza vaccination as early as possible for personal protection, the public should maintain good personal and environmental hygiene for protection against influenza and other respiratory illnesses. For more information, please visit the CHP's <u>influenza page</u> and weekly <u>Flu Express</u>.

Latest test results of opening-up investigation in second stage of holistic assessment strategy for Hung Hom Station Extension under Shatin to Central Link Project

â€<The latest test results of the opening-up investigation in the second stage of the holistic assessment strategy for the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project (as at January 4) are now available at the Highways Department's website for the SCL project (www.hyd.gov.hk/en/road_and_railway/railway_projects/scl/index.html) for reference by the public.

Appeal on in-patient missing from

Kowloon Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Kowloon Hospital (KH) made the following appeal today (January 4) regarding an incident of an in-patient who absconded from the hospital:

A 56-year-old male patient who was admitted to a male ward of Department of Respiratory Medicine in KH for the treatment of open tuberculosis with isolation order issued by the Department of Health absconded from the ward on January 2. The hospital security guards on the scene immediately chased the patient but in vain. No one was injured in the incident.

The staff of the ward reported to the police immediately and searched the hospital. The hospital is very concerned about the incident and the patient's relatives were informed immediately. The incident was reported to the Tuberculosis and Chest Service, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health. The hospital will fully provide assistance to the police for the search.

In view that the patient had been hospitalized for treatment of tuberculosis for one month and that tuberculosis transmission often requires a long period of close contact, the risk is relatively low.

The patient is about 1.64 meters tall, thin build, black short hair. The hospital appeals to the public to contact the Police or call the hospital hotline (3129 7111) if they know the whereabouts of the patient.