### Missing man in Tsuen Wan located

A man who went missing in Tsuen Wan has been located.

Chan Chi-shing, aged 25, went missing after he was last seen at a bus stop on Tsuen King Circuit on December 7 night. His family made a report to Police on December 9.

The man returned to his residence in Sha Kok Estate, Tin Sum last night (December 15). He sustained no injuries and was sent to Prince of Wales Hospital for examination.

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A wide range of assistive devices and workplace modifications which cater to the special needs of employees with disabilities at the workplace will be considered. Examples include computer accessories or adaptive equipment, optical magnifying devices, hearing and assistive devices, Braille products and handrails.

The Po Leung Kuk has been commissioned to serve as the SPED Administrator. It will assist in administering and promoting SPED, provide advisory services and follow up on the progress of the subsidised programmes, prepare assessments on the applications and make recommendations to the

Committee on the SPED set up by the SWD for consideration.

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- 1. non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating SWD-subvented vocational rehabilitation services;
- 2. NGOs running training courses for persons with disabilities or persons recovering from work injuries with the funding support of the Employees Retraining Board;
- 3. the Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department;
- 4. the Vocational Training Council; or
- 5. the SPED Administrator (Po Leung Kuk).

Employers may submit their completed application forms together with the required documents by mail or by hand to the SWD through the referring organisations. No application fee is required and each applicant may submit more than one application.

For enquiries, please contact Po Leung Kuk SPED Office by phone at 3980 9677, by email at <a href="mailto:sped@poleungkuk.org.hk">sped@poleungkuk.org.hk</a> or by fax at 3980 9633.

For more details, the information note and SPED application form, people may visit and download from the SWD homepage <a href="https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\_pubsvc/page\_rehab/sub\_listofserv/id\_vocational/id\_sped">www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\_pubsvc/page\_rehab/sub\_listofserv/id\_vocational/id\_sped</a>.

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## 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 (December 18) to consider nine applications for new issue, renewal or transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

#### Hong Kong:

Winstons Coffee in Kennedy Town Flaming Frango in Central Servicemen's Guides Association in Wan Chai

#### Kowloon:

ASS and Lung Shing Bo in Tsim Sha Tsui ABCB in Mong Kok MeowBox Limited in Kwun Tong

#### New Territories:

"Ah B Cha Kay" in Sheung Shui MEGA-1 in Tuen Mun

The board will also consider revoking the liquor licences of Ten Japanese Restaurant in Tin Hau; MINI 21, ASS and Lung Shing Bo in Tsim Sha Tsui; and THE ORIENT BARBECUE CUISINE in Sham Shui Po.

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.

### <u>Special traffic arrangements for race</u> <u>meeting in Sha Tin</u>

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (December 16).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the

first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to quide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.