

SFST visits North District

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, visited North District this afternoon (November 30).

Mr Lau first met with the Chairman of North District Council, Mr So Sai-chi, and other members to brief them on the major work of the Bureau. They also exchanged views on issues of concern, including the opening of bank accounts and taxation matters.

He then proceeded to Caritas Fanling Chan Chun Ha Secondary School to take part in the "STEM Education Day cum Open Course" co-organised by the school and the Centre for Information Technology in Education of the University of Hong Kong. He toured the exhibition booths and observed students' work and the school's efforts in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematic) education. He encouraged the students to actively participate in STEM activities to unleash their creativity.

Mr Lau also observed a barista class conducted by the school in collaboration with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Jockey Club Cheung Wah Youth SPOT, where he chatted with students to learn about their life planning.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Lau went to Lok Ma Chau Police Station and viewed the Loop from a lookout. He was briefed by officers from the Planning Department and the Civil Engineering and Development Department on the planning for the area. Noting that the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park developed in the Loop area will be the largest innovation and technology platform ever established in Hong Kong, Mr Lau was of the view that it would further promote the development of financial technology in Hong Kong.

STH visits Eastern District

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, visited Eastern District this afternoon (November 30). He met with local District Councillors and visited the vehicular ferry pier and an elderly housing project in North Point.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Eastern), Mr Simon Chan, Mr Chan first met with the Chairman of the Eastern District Council, Mr Wong Kin-pan, and District Councillors to exchange views on housing and transport issues in the district.

Mr Chan then proceeded to the North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier to

inspect the facilities and observe the operation of the pier.

Mr Chan made a final stop at Tanner Hill, a housing project run by the Hong Kong Housing Society for elderly people, where he toured the health care and leisure facilities.

Manager of unlicensed guesthouse fined

A woman was fined \$8,000 at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts today (November 30) for contravening the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance.

The courts heard that in April this year, officers of the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), the Home Affairs Department, inspected a suspected unlicensed guesthouse on Tai Fung Street in Yuen Long. During the inspection, the OLA officers posed as lodgers and successfully rented a room in the guesthouse on a daily basis.

According to the OLA's records, the guesthouse did not possess a licence under the Ordinance on the day of inspection. The woman responsible for managing the premises was charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A department spokesman stressed that operating or managing an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence and will lead to a criminal record. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and two years' imprisonment.

The spokesman appealed to anyone with information about suspected unlicensed guesthouses to report it to the OLA through the hotline (Tel: 2881 7498), by email (hadlaenq@had.gov.hk), by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from the OLA website (www.hadla.gov.hk), or through the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses".

SEN visits Sha Tin District

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, visited Sha Tin District this afternoon (November 30) to call at the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) (Sha Tin) and the Jockey Club Home for Hospice. He also exchanged views with members of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) on environmental issues.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Sha Tin), Miss Amy Chan, Mr Wong first called at IVE (Sha Tin). The institute was awarded the Certificate of Merit in the 2012 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence under the Public Organisations and Utilities Sector. IVE (Sha Tin) is implementing the Kids' Greenway project funded by the Environment and Conservation Fund and the Environmental Campaign Committee to nurture the environmental awareness of young children through the provision of teaching packs to spread the "use less, waste less" message at the pre-primary level. Mr Wong also visited its Environmental Education Centre and encouraged students to put their learning into practice by applying professional knowledge in waste and carbon reduction initiatives, in order to support the "dump less, save more" initiative, as well as contributing to Hong Kong's sustainable development and combating global climate change.

Mr Wong then departed for the Jockey Club Home for Hospice to understand more about its services and tour its facilities. He also chatted with the staff there to know more about their work.

Before concluding his itinerary, Mr Wong paid a visit to the STDC to meet with its Chairman, Mr Ho Hau-cheung, and members to listen to their views on the Government's environmental policies and learn more about their concerns on district environmental issues.

[Man holding charged with murder](#)

Police today (November 30) laid a holding charge against a 57-year-old man with one count of murder.

The man was arrested on November 28 in suspected connection with a murder case happened in Sham Shui Po on the same day in which his 40-year-old wife died.

The case was mentioned at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today.