

## Appeal for information on missing woman in Tsuen Wan (with photo)

Police today (September 4) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Tsuen Wan.

Ng Mo-ching, aged 81, went missing after she was last seen at Shing Mun Country Park on September 2 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (September 3).

She is about 1.6 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short straight white hair. She was last seen wearing a red short-sleeved shirt, apricot trousers, brown shoes and carrying a black rucksack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Hong Kong Island on 2860 1040 or 9886 0034 or email to [rmpu-hki@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-hki@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.



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## Bean products factory in Pat Heung convicted for illegal discharge of

## turbid wastewater into river (with photo)

Ching Yuen Bean Products (HK) Company Limited, located at Chuen Yiu Road in Pat Heung Sheung Tsuen in Yuen Long, illegally discharged untreated industrial wastewater into a nearby river. The company was fined \$58,000 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (September 4) for contravening the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO).

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) received a complaint early this year that wastewater was being discharged to the Kam Tin River, causing environmental pollution. The EPD then launched an investigation and targeted the bean products factory concerned. Officers were deployed to monitor the factory in its vicinity at midnight. It was found that turbid and foul-smelling whitish industrial wastewater was discharged from the factory, seriously polluting nearby waters. The EPD conducted a blitz operation at the factory and noted that its wastewater treatment facilities were not operating properly and industrial wastewater was directly discharged into the river. After evidence gathering, the EPD initiated prosecution against Ching Yuen Bean Products (HK) Company Limited in accordance with the WPCO.

The EPD spokesman said that anyone who directly discharges untreated industrial wastewater will pollute nearby waterways and adversely affect public hygiene. The spokesman reminded members of the trade that they should install qualified wastewater treatment facilities and ensure their proper operation to treat wastewater before its discharge to avoid causing environmental pollution.

Under the WPCO, anyone who discharges wastewater into a river commits an offence. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment. A maximum fine of \$400,000 and six months' imprisonment may be imposed on second or subsequent convictions.



## SFH inspects dengue fever prevention measures in school (with photos)

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, today (September 4) visited a primary school in Wong Tai Sin to learn about the measures taken by the school to tackle dengue fever in the new school year. She also appealed for parent-school co-operation to carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures with a view to preventing the spread of dengue fever.

Accompanied by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee of the Wong Tai Sin District Council, Mr Ho Hon-man and Mr Wong Yat-yuk, Professor Chan observed the mosquito control work in the school and took the opportunity to chat with the pupils. They were pleased to learn that the school has been well prepared for the commencement of the school year and that the school staff regularly inspect the whole campus and clear stagnant water to prevent mosquito breeding.

Professor Chan said, "To help schools get well prepared in the new school year to prevent the spread of dengue fever, the Pest Control Teams of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the school management inspected the School Village in Tsz Wan Shan and conducted a joint anti-mosquito operation on September 1. The FEHD staff also gave guidance to the schools' officers-in-charge on continuous mosquito prevention and control. Upon the request of the schools, the FEHD will provide technical advice to their staff responsible for anti-mosquito work.

"In fact, the FEHD has completed its inspection work at schools in areas within a 500-metre radius of the residences and activities of patients of confirmed local dengue fever cases in Wong Tai Sin District as well as all schools on Cheung Chau. Schools were reminded on the spot to undertake anti-mosquito work. The FEHD has inspected 36 primary and secondary schools and 39 kindergartens in Wong Tai Sin District.

"Since the occurrence of a number of confirmed local dengue fever cases from the middle of last month, the Food and Health Bureau has been staying vigilant and took corresponding measures immediately together with the Department of Health (DH), the FEHD and the Hospital Authority (HA). Actions taken included the activation of the e-Dengue enhanced surveillance system by the DH and the HA to allow healthcare staff to identify patients and make reports early; and the enhanced surveillance by the DH, jointly with public and private hospitals and also private doctors, to facilitate early referrals and timely control. Also, the DH's Centre for Health Protection issued letters to all schools as soon as practicable to remind them to conduct mosquito control in their campus and advised students and staff to take proper measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites. When necessary, the schools may contact the FEHD to request for technical support on anti-mosquito work.

"The FEHD will speed up announcement of the latest information on the situation of mosquito infestation with a view to facilitating the residents of the relevant districts to stay more vigilant in taking mosquito preventive measures. Under a stage-by-stage approach, the first stage of the ovitrap index will start to be released next week. Meanwhile, the Government will make reference to the practice of other places to explore ways to update the surveillance system of mosquito infestation in order to let members of the public to obtain the relevant figures in a more timely manner."

As at September 3, a total of 28 confirmed local dengue fever cases had been recorded in Hong Kong this year. From August 15 to September 2, the FEHD has carried out fogging operations at a total of 2 305 locations over the territory and cleared a total of 23 243 existing and potential mosquito breeding places. The Government will continue to carry out the all-out intensive anti-mosquito operation in order to curb the spread of dengue fever. Parents are also advised to adopt mosquito prevention and control measures at home and co-operate with schools to avoid students from being infected owing to the problem of mosquito infestation.

Professor Chan reminded the public that infected persons can transmit the virus to mosquitoes through mosquito bites even if they remain asymptomatic or before their onset of symptoms, leading to further spread of the disease. Hence, members of the public, including teachers and students, returning from affected areas of dengue fever should apply insect repellent for 14 days upon arrival in Hong Kong. Those with symptoms of dengue fever should seek medical advice promptly.

Meanwhile, the CHP also appeals to members of the public who have visited Lion Rock Park to apply insect repellent for 14 days after their last visit, and those who reside in or visit Cheung Chau to apply insect repellent during their stay and continue applying it for 14 days after their last day of stay to prevent infection and secondary spread.

The public should call 1823 in case of mosquito problems and may visit the dengue fever pages of the [Centre for Health Protection](#) (CHP) and its [Travel Health Service](#), the latest [Travel Health News](#), [tips for using insect repellents](#), the CHP [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the FEHD's [Guidebook on Control and Prevention of Mosquito Breeding](#) for more information.





**Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected**

## [illicit cigarettes \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.4 million suspected illicit cigarettes with an estimated market value of about \$3.8 million and a duty potential of about \$2.6 million at Man Kam To Control Point on September 2.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck declared as carrying vegetables at Man Kam To Control Point in the evening on September 2. After inspection, Customs officers found the suspected illicit cigarettes in 341 foam boxes mix-loaded with 127 boxes of vegetables onboard the truck.

The 60-year-old male driver was arrested and the truck was detained. Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Members of the public may report any suspected illicit cigarette activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



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## [Temporary traffic arrangements for tram track renewal works in Western District from this Thursday](#)

The Transport Department (TD) today (September 4) reminded the public that to facilitate the tram track renewal work at Connaught Road West, parts of the fast lane of Connaught Road West eastbound and Des Voeux Road West eastbound near Wing Lok Street will be temporarily closed from about 10am this Thursday (September 6) to 10am on September 19 (Wednesday).

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of the above road

section will be relatively busy. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news or the department's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)).