

## Mui Wo Swimming Pool temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 12) that Mui Wo Swimming Pool in Islands District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

It will be reopened at 6.15 pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

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## Appeal for information on missing man in Wan Chai (with photo)

Police today (May 12) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Wan Chai.

Chiu Kwok-wai, David, aged 48, went missing after he was last seen on Hennessy Road yesterday (May 11) afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.65 metres tall, 65 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and straight black hair. He was last seen wearing a dark coloured T-shirt, light brown trousers and carrying a black rucksack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Hong Kong Island on 3660 6490 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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## [CEDD takes part in geohazard symposium in Chengdu \(with photos\)](#)

The Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Mr Lam Sai-hung, and the Head of the Geotechnical Engineering Office (GEO) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department, Mr Pun Wai-keung, today (May 12) attended the 5th International Symposium on Mega Earthquake Induced Geo-disasters and Long Term Effects organised by the State Key Laboratory of Geohazard Prevention and Geoenvironment Protection in Chengdu, Sichuan, to exchange knowledge on the mitigation of geohazards with experts from Sichuan and around the world.

Addressing the Symposium's opening ceremony, Mr Lam said that both Hong Kong and Sichuan face the challenge of geohazards such as landslides and debris flow. The two places could foster technical exchange and co-operation in areas such as hazard mitigation and research of warning systems.

The GEO has also organised the Sichuan-Hong Kong Technical Exchange on Geo-disasters Prevention cum Exhibition with the Land and Resources Department of Sichuan Province from May 11 to 14 at the Chengdu University of Technology. Through showcasing the development and operation of the Hong Kong Slope Safety System as well as the future direction of improving the System, this exhibition could share the achievements of Hong Kong in managing slope safety and also enhance the research and collaboration between Sichuan and Hong Kong on the mitigation of geohazards.



## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled raw amber rock \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 11) seized about 50 kg of suspected smuggled raw amber rock with an estimated market value of about \$1.5 million at Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing private car at Shenzhen Bay Control Point yesterday and seized about 50 kg of suspected raw amber rock underneath the passenger seats and in the boot of the car.

The 38-year-old male driver was arrested and charged with one count of attempting to export unmanifested cargo. He will appear at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on June 7.

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 smuggling 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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## EMSD releases update on lift incident at Paris Court of Sheungshui Town Centre

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) announces today (May 12) that, except the concerned lift no. 5 at Paris Court, EMSD together with the concerned lift contractor has completed examinations to the remaining seven passenger lifts and two goods lifts at Sheungshui Town Centre early this morning. The lifts are confirmed safe and their operation has been resumed.

As the investigation is still in progress, the lift concerned is under suspension. According to the preliminary investigation, the suspension ropes of the lift are intact and the EMSD will investigate whether the incident is related to the failure of the lift control system and/or mechanical failure of the traction system. The lift concerned also has to be checked by a registered lift engineer to ensure safety before resumption of operation.

The EMSD has also requested other registered lift contractors who are currently maintaining the same brand of lifts to complete special inspections within two weeks. The EMSD will carry out sample checks for the special inspections to ensure safety.