

EMSD and Guangzhou Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau sign memorandum of co-operation (with photos)

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) and the Guangzhou Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau (HRSSGZ) today (November 6) signed a memorandum of co-operation to enhance collaboration in the development of electrical and mechanical (E&M) talent in both places.

Witnessed by the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong; the Secretary of Party Leadership and Director of the HRSSGZ, Mr Guo Zhiyong; and the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Alfred Sit, the memorandum was signed by the Deputy Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Pang Yiu-hung, and the Deputy Director of the HRSSGZ, Mr He Shilin. The area of collaboration includes experience-sharing platforms, internship opportunities and training courses on advanced technology development and applications for the E&M sector in Hong Kong and Guangzhou.

Addressing the signing ceremony, Mr Sit said he was delighted the EMSD and its counterpart in Guangzhou had accomplished the co-operation agreement. The memorandum will facilitate more in-depth and extensive co-operation in personnel training in the area of refrigeration and air conditioning, mechatronics, lift maintenance, new energy applications and vehicle maintenance. He also expressed the hope that the professional exchanges will enhance the service quality and standards of the E&M sector and promote sustainable development and energy saving in both Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

This is the second memorandum of co-operation signed between the EMSD and relevant departments in Guangzhou on strengthening collaboration in training of E&M personnel, after the agreement reached with the Guangzhou Industry and Trade Technician College in June this year.



[Oilex and HNS Exercise test marine pollution responses \(with photos\)](#)

Two annual marine pollution response joint exercises, code-named Oilex 2018 and the Maritime Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Exercise 2018, were conducted by various government departments this morning (November 6) off Pearl Island, Tuen Mun, to test their marine pollution responses in the event of a spillage of oil and HNS in Hong Kong waters.

In the test scenario, an oil tanker collided with a container vessel, leading to fuel oil leaking from the tanker and five containers loaded with acetone solution falling into the sea. The five containers drifted in the nearby waters and leaked acetone solution. In the joint exercises, response groups were tasked to contain and clean up the spilled oil and chemicals to prevent damage to the environment and nearby facilities.

In the exercises, various participating parties took a series of simulated response actions. On the tanker anchored to the south of Pearl Island, a salvage team transferred fuel oil from the damaged tank and patched up the leak so as to stop further oil leakage at source. At the same time, an oil combat team deployed floating barrier booms to encircle the tanker and set up barrier booms near the tanker to prevent the spill from spreading. The exercise also simulated the spraying of oil dispersant and sea water from pollution control vessels and a Government Flying Service (GFS) helicopter onto oil on the sea surface, as well as the use of oil skimmers and other equipment. Simultaneously, a shoreline cleaning team conducted a shoreline oil clean-up drill at a beach to the east of Pearl Island.

In combating the simulated HNS spill, the response groups lifted the damaged containers out from the sea, and sprayed seawater on the sea surface to disperse the plume caused by the acetone solution and expedite the dilution of acetone solution.

The joint response exercises were co-ordinated by the Marine Department (MD) and the Environmental Protection Department. The participating government departments and organisations included the Fire Services Department, the GFS, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Government Laboratory and the Civil Aid Service, as well as several oil companies and Hong Kong Response Limited.

The response exercises not only provided hands-on experience for response members, but also helped relevant parties to adopt an effective emergency response strategy for preventing pollution according to the properties and extent of the spilled substances.



[Update on cluster of Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 cases in Siu Lam Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 in a female ward for severe intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following update today (November 6):

One more 54-year-old patient in the ward has presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patient and the test results were positive to Parainfluenza Virus Type 3. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and is in a stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.

Recycler and construction worker convicted for illegal disposal of C&I and construction waste in Kwai Chung (with photo)

A recycler and a construction worker illegally disposed of commercial and industrial (C&I) waste and construction waste on Chun Pin Street and at the roadside of Castle Peak Road in Kwai Chung. They were fined a total of \$9,500 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (November 6) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

An Environmental Protection Department (EPD) spokesman said that during a blitz operation in mid-April this year, a staff member of a recycling company was caught by the EPD while depositing a stack of waste wooden pallets on the pavement of Chun Pin Street. EPD officers immediately intercepted him and prosecuted the manager of the recycling company.

Separately, the EPD received a report from a member of public in late April this year that a large quantity of construction waste was deposited on the pavement of Castle Peak Road in Kwai Chung (near Po Kai Mansion). After investigation, the EPD confirmed that the construction waste came from the construction site of a nearby building. After evidence gathering, the EPD prosecuted the construction worker responsible.

The EPD spokesperson reminded those from the recycling, renovation and construction sectors that C&I waste as well as demolished construction waste should be delivered to the Government's waste treatment facilities as required by the law. It is unethical and unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. Under the WDO, first-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment.



China International Import Expo “Seminar on ‘Hong Kong’s Experiences for International Trade’: New Horizon·New Technology·New Model” held successfully

The "Seminar on 'Hong Kong's Experiences for International Trade': New Horizon·New Technology·New Model" jointly organised by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) was held successfully today (November 6) at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai. The seminar was attended by more than 460 people, including representatives from Mainland provincial and municipal governments and enterprises in various industries. It was one of the major events organised by the HKSAR at the first China International Import Expo.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, delivered an opening speech under the theme "Hong Kong – Gateway to the Country's Import and Export". He elaborated on Hong Kong's unique role as a gateway for the country's imports and exports.

He talked about three historic moments which made Hong Kong a gateway to the country's imports and exports. First, Hong Kong acted as the country's first gateway when it started reforms and opening up. Hong Kong entrepreneurs were the first batch of investors in the Mainland market. Hong Kong companies have since played an important role in the country's opening up. Second, the country's accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001 has led to further opening up of its market and increase of its external trade, consolidating Hong Kong's role as a trading centre. Third, the Belt and Road Initiative and development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area initiated by the country have made Hong Kong the best gateway and platform for Mainland companies to "go global".

At the seminar, the Chairman of the Fung Group, Dr Victor Fung, delivered a keynote speech on the theme "Hong Kong's Experiences for International Trade – New Horizon·New Technology·New Model", and shared his opinions and insights on the global landscape and Hong Kong's unique role.

The Executive Director of the HKTDC, Ms Margaret Fong, gave welcoming remarks. The Director-General of Trade and Industry, Ms Salina Yan, was the moderator for the panel discussion and question-and-answer session. Other participating speakers included Expert Partner of Sequoia China Fund, Mr Herbert Chia; the Chief Corporate Banking Officer of Bank of China (Hong

Kong) Limited, Mr Lin Guangming; and Member of the Greater China Legal Affairs Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr Lawrence Yeung. They briefed the participants on the latest industry developments in respect of technology application and financial and legal services, and spoke on how Hong Kong's service industries can help Mainland companies seize new opportunities and face challenges in international trade.