

HA welcomes approval of funding allocation for five public hospital development projects by Financial Committee of Legislative Council

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) this afternoon (May 18) issued the following statement regarding the approval of funding allocation for five public hospital development projects by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council:

The HA Chief Executive, Dr Leung Pak-yin, welcomes and appreciates the funding support of the Finance Committee of Legislative Council for the five public hospital development projects, which are essential to further enhance and augment public hospital services as well as facilities to benefit the people of Hong Kong. Dr Leung said that the HA will closely monitor and supervise the progress of related capital works so as to complete the projects on schedule.

Dr Leung also expresses gratitude to the Government for the continuous support and ever-increasing resource allocation to public healthcare services. With the Government's commitment, the HA is able to plan and implement further expansion and redevelopment projects in public hospitals to meet the challenges of an aging population in Hong Kong and the increasing demand on public hospital services.

Suspected MERS case reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (May 18) reported a suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and again urged the public to pay special attention to safety during travel, taking due consideration of the health risks in the places of visit. The case is detailed below:

Sex	Male
Age	29
Affected area involved	Dubai, United Arab Emirates

High-risk exposure	Camel ride
Hospital	Tuen Mun Hospital
Condition	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Negative

"Travellers to the Middle East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels; avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry; and avoid unnecessary visits to healthcare facilities. We strongly advise travel agents organising tours to the Middle East to abstain from arranging camel rides and activities involving direct contact with camels, which are known risk factors for acquiring MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Locally, the CHP's surveillance with public and private hospitals, with practising doctors and at boundary control points is firmly in place. Inbound travellers and members of the public who recently visited the Middle East and developed fever or lower respiratory symptoms within 14 days will be classified as suspected MERS cases. They will be taken to public hospitals for isolation and management until their specimens test negative for MERS-CoV.

Travellers to affected areas should maintain vigilance, adopt appropriate health precautions and take heed of personal, food and environmental hygiene. The public may visit the MERS pages of the [CHP](#) and its [Travel Health Service](#), MERS statistics in [affected areas](#), the CHP's [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the World Health Organization's [latest news](#) for more information and health advice. Tour leaders and tour guides operating overseas tours are advised to refer to the CHP's [health advice on MERS](#).

[HAD to open temporary night heat shelters](#)

The Home Affairs Department will open 15 temporary night heat shelters tonight (May 18) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's enquiry hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 15 temporary night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western –
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern/Wan Chai –
Causeway Bay Community Centre
7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –
Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Kwai Tsing –
Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –
Cheung Wah Community Hall
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sha Tin –
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –
Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –
Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –
Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –
Tin Yiu Community Centre
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

[Hong Kong Customs combats supply and sale of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs conducted a territory-wide operation codenamed "Venus" in the past three days (May 15 to 17) to combat the supply and sale of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products. A total of about 13 000 pieces of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products with an estimated market value of about \$720,000 were seized.

Customs earlier received information alleging the sale of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products at shops. After an in-depth investigation with the assistance of trademark owners, Customs conducted a territory-wide operation in the past three days, from May 15 to yesterday (May 17). Fifteen retail shops in Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok, Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, Tai Po, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Sheung Shui were raided and a total of about 6 000 pieces of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products with an estimated market value of about \$150,000 were seized, including facial masks, eyebrow pencils, contour sticks, cleansing foam, sunscreen, make-up remover and face powder. Twelve men and six women were arrested, including six shop owners and 12 salespersons, aged between 23 and

40.

During the operation, Customs also cracked down on a criminal syndicate supplying and distributing suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products and raided its two storage areas located in Yuen Long and Sheung Shui. About 7 000 pieces of suspected counterfeit cosmetics and skin care products with an estimated market value of about \$570,000 were seized. A 34-year-old male syndicate head was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing and all arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation.

The Divisional Commander (Intellectual Property General Investigation) of Customs, Ms Peggy Tam, said at a press conference today (May 18) that Customs has been taking stringent enforcement actions against the sale of counterfeit goods. She reminded traders to be cautious and prudent in merchandising since the sale of counterfeit goods is a serious crime and offenders are liable to criminal sanctions. She also appealed to consumers to procure goods at reputable shops and to check with the trademark owners or their authorised agents if the authenticity of a product is in doubt.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who sells or possesses for sale any goods with a forged trademark commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

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



[Sick remand person in custody dies in public hospital](#)

A sick 59-year-old male remand person in custody at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre died in a public hospital yesterday (May 17).

The remand person in custody suffered from stomach cancer. He required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital and public hospitals. On May 9, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to deteriorated physical condition. During hospitalisation, his condition further deteriorated and he was certified dead at 11.37pm yesterday.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The remand person in custody was remanded for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in January 2018.