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Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the website concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

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CHP investigates suspected puffer fish poisoning case

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (August 28) investigating a suspected puffer fish poisoning case, and hence reminded members of the public not to consume puffer fish.

The case involves an 84-year-old man who developed dizziness, finger numbness and shortness of breath about one hour after consuming cooked puffer fish, which was caught by himself on that day in local waters, at home on August 25.

He attended the Accident and Emergency Department of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in the small hours on August 26 and was admitted for treatment. He is now in stable condition.

Investigations by the CHP are continuing.

A spokesman for the CHP said that consumption of puffer fish is the main cause of food poisoning from tetrodotoxin, which is a potent water-soluble neurotoxin that can affect the central nervous system.

"Organs such as the liver, gonads and skin of puffer fish have high concentrations of tetrodotoxin. Being heat-stable, the toxin does not decompose upon cooking, boiling, drying or freezing. Tetrodotoxin intoxication can cause problems in respiration and circulation, and is potentially fatal. There is no known antidote or antitoxin that can decompose tetrodotoxin. Members of the public are advised to avoid purchasing and preparing puffer fish or unknown fish for consumption to prevent tetrodotoxin-related food poisoning," the spokesman said.

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a cappella group Naturally 7 to perform in the Great Music 2023 in late September. The group will present their new songs created for this Hong Kong tour using their "vocal play" technique, which will surprise music lovers in the city with their wonderful and not-to-be-missed performance.

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"A Cappella Concert by Naturally 7" will be held at 8pm on September 28 (Thursday) at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. The performance will run for about one hour and 45 minutes, including an intermission of 15 minutes. Tickets priced at \$200, \$280, \$350 and \$420 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1582.html.

This programme also includes a workshop entitled "Vocal Infinity" (conducted in English). As speakers of the talk, members of Naturally 7 will introduce the development of the group and demonstrate their "vocal play" skills. Through interaction, the audience will be able to experience and explore the charm and possibility of the human voice. The workshop will be held at 7.30pm on September 27 (Wednesday) at the Recital Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$100 (free seating) are now available at URBTIX. For details, please refer to the above-mentioned website.

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