

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

Police today (August 15) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Tsuen Wan.

Verdillo Arjoy Roxas, aged 31, went missing after she left her residence on Tai Ho Road on August 9 morning. Her employer made a report to Police on August 11.

She is about 1.65 metres tall, 55 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a square face with yellow complexion and short black hair. She was last seen wearing a black jacket, white vest, yellow skirt and white sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 9459 2196 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Importer convicted of supplying frozen scallop sashimi with false trade

description

An importer was convicted and fined \$32,000 today (August 15) at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts for supplying frozen scallop sashimi to which a false trade description had been applied for the purpose of trade, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO). About 220 kilograms of frozen scallop sashimi involved in the case were also confiscated.

Hong Kong Customs earlier received information alleging that a type of frozen scallop sashimi with a suspected false description on the safety accreditation from Japan was being supplied in the market. Customs officers then test-purchased the frozen scallop sashimi concerned from a branch in Tseung Kwan O of a chain supermarket. After investigation, it was revealed that the packaging box bore a safety accreditation label printed with the wording, "ã@%ã...ççèè¼259302".

Customs later received confirmation from the concerned accreditation body that the safety accreditation was a false label.

Customs remind traders to comply with the requirements of the TDO. Consumers are also reminded to purchase products at reputable shops and to have a clear knowledge of the product details and claims before purchase. They can check with the trademark owners or their authorised agents if in doubt.

Under the TDO, any person who in the course of any trade or business applies a false trade description to any goods, or supplies or is in possession of any goods for sale with a false trade description 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 violation of the TDO to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

HKMA issues alert regarding specific website

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public in Hong Kong that Bortand Bank as referred to on the website (<https://bortandbank.com/>) does not have the authorization of the Monetary Authority (MA) under the Banking Ordinance (the Ordinance) to carry on

banking business, or the business of taking deposits, in Hong Kong; and Bortand Bank does not have the approval of the MA to establish a local representative office in Hong Kong under the Ordinance.

Given the global nature of the Internet, members of the public are reminded to verify the status of any organisation making use of the Internet to offer bank accounts to, or to solicit deposits from, the public in Hong Kong prior to transferring any funds to, or providing any personal information to, any such organisation.

A list of authorized institutions is available on the HKMA's website (www.hkma.gov.hk). Members of the public may also check the status of any entity which appears to be soliciting deposits from the public in Hong Kong, or holding itself out as a bank or deposit-taking company in Hong Kong, by emailing the HKMA's public enquiry service (publicenquiry@hkma.gov.hk).

Anyone who has transferred monies or conducted any financial transaction, or who has provided personal information, in response to, or via, the above Website should contact the Police at any local Police Station or by calling the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

Hospital Authority announces positive patient cases detected via admission screening or testing and clusters of nosocomial COVID-19 infections

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority today (August 15) announced information regarding patients who tested positive via admission screening or testing with patients or staff members identified as close contacts and nosocomial COVID-19 infection cases.

The following are the statistics of patients who tested positive via admission screening or by testing in public hospitals with patients or staff members identified as close contacts:

Hospital/clinic	Number of patients who tested positive	Number of patients identified as close contacts	Number of staff members without appropriate personal protective equipment identified as close contacts
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	1	2	–
Kwong Wah Hospice	3	4	–
Tuen Mun Hospital	2	2	–
Pok Oi Hospital	1	2	–
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	1	1	–
Princess Margaret Hospital	1	2	–

Thorough cleaning and disinfection operations have been conducted for the wards concerned. The hospitals will continue to monitor the health condition of patients and staff members closely, and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.

There have been no clusters of nosocomial infection cases reported in public hospitals today.

[Update on supplies from Mainland](#)

The Task Force on Supplies from the Mainland led by the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) has been working closely with the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government to explore various means to stabilise the supply of goods from the Mainland to Hong Kong.

A spokesperson for the TLB said that the "Sea Express" water transportation service from the Mainland to Hong Kong has been fully launched and its capacity is rising to increase the supplies of fresh food, other daily necessities and manufacturing materials. The current supply of fresh food from the Mainland is stable.

The spokesperson said today (August 15) that Shenzhen operated 156 cargo vessel trips and transported around 14 660 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of cross-boundary supplies by water for the period from August 12 to yesterday (August 14), equivalent to about 69 230 tonnes of goods, of which around 20 TEUs (about 150 tonnes) were fresh food and around 14 640 TEUs (about 69 080 tonnes) were non-fresh food, according to information from the Mainland authorities.

Since the launch of services from the three ports in Shenzhen since February 18 to yesterday, a total of around 813 440 TEUs of cross-boundary supplies have been transported, equivalent to about 3 929 170 tonnes of goods, of which around 2 250 TEUs (about 19 070 tonnes) were fresh food and around 811 190 TEUs (about 3 910 100 tonnes) were non-fresh food.

Meanwhile, to avoid a spillover of the epidemic, the Transport Department (TD) arranges for dedicated staff to conduct rapid nucleic acid tests, using nasopharyngeal swabs for specimen collection, for cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers at various land boundary control points. Only drivers with a negative result are allowed to enter the Mainland. A total of 8 278 rapid nucleic acid tests were conducted for the period from August 12 to yesterday, among which 15 cases that tested preliminarily positive or indeterminate were found. The TD has passed the cases to the Department of Health for follow-up.

The TLB will closely monitor the situation and co-operate with the Mainland authorities to facilitate and implement various measures to ensure both smooth cross-boundary land transport and a stable goods supply to Hong Kong, while reducing the risk of epidemic transmission in both the Mainland and Hong Kong.