<u>Murder in Mong Kok</u>

Police are investigating a murder case in Mong Kok in the small hours today (May 27) in which a 46-year-old man died.

At about 0.30am today, Police received a report that someone was shouting for help at a flat on 299 Portland Street in Mong Kok.

Police officers sped to the scene and found the 46-year-old man lying unconscious on the floor and a 59-year-old woman with head injuries. Sustaining multiple stab wounds, the man was rushed to Kwong Wah Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 1.37am. The woman was sent to Kwong Wah Hospital in conscious state.

Initial investigation revealed that the deceased and the woman had been attacked by several men with knives respectively. The suspects then left.

A knife case in suspected connection with the case was seized at scene.

Post-mortem examinations will be conducted later to ascertain the cause of death of the deceased.

Active investigation by the Regional Crime Unit of Kowloon West is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the case or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 8251.

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Breaching a compulsory quarantine order is a criminal offence and offenders are subject to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months. A spokesman for the Department of Health said the sentence sends a clear message to the community that breaching a quarantine order is a criminal offence that the Government will not tolerate, and solemnly reminded the public to comply with the regulations. As of today, a total of 238 persons have been convicted by the courts for breaching quarantine orders and have received sentences including immediate imprisonment for up to 14 weeks or a fine of up to \$15,000. The spokesman reiterated that resolute actions will be taken against anyone who has breached the relevant regulations.

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HKSAR Government and UNIDROIT sign memorandum of understanding for collaboration relating to private international law and international commercial law

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC and the President of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the administrative arrangements for collaboration relating to private international law and international commercial law at a virtual signing ceremony today (May 27).

This is the second MoU concluded between the Department of Justice (DoJ) and UNIDROIT, following the signing of the first MoU in May 2021, which put in place the arrangements for the secondment of Hong Kong legal professionals to the Secretariat of UNIDROIT.

Ms Cheng said in her opening remarks that the signing of the MoU opened a new chapter in the close co-operation between the DoJ and UNIDROIT, and laid the foundation for the enhanced collaboration between the two parties in the field of private international law. Ms Cheng also announced that, under the MoU, the DoJ and UNIDROIT will be jointly launching the inaugural Asia-Pacific Private International Law Summit in Hong Kong in November this year as one of the flagship events of Hong Kong Legal Week 2022.

Ms Cheng expressed her deep gratitude to UNIDROIT for their continuing trust in and support to the DoJ, as well as to the Central People's Government for their staunch support in the conclusion of the MoU.

The virtual signing ceremony was technically supported by the technical partner, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre.

SDEV and SFH visit Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, and the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, visited the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility (CIF) this afternoon (May 27).

Accompanied by the Director of Architectural Services, Ms Winnie Ho, Mr Wong and Professor Chan received a briefing from the Assistant President of the contractor, China State Construction International Holdings Limited, Mr Huang Jiang, on the scale and features of the project, as well as the challenges encountered during construction. They then inspected the isolation units and facilities to learn about the operation of the CIF.

The construction of the Kai Tak CIF project commenced on February 19 and will be delivered in batches. The project will provide about 3 000 units upon completion.

Mr Wong once again expressed gratitude to the Central Government for its staunch support, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for its intensive co-ordination and the construction team for working around the clock to enable the project to be handed over in phases in a timely manner, enhancing the anti-epidemic capabilities of Hong Kong.

Each block of the Kai Tak CIF has four storeys and is equipped with lifts. Each unit is fitted with an individual toilet and bathroom. The construction adopted the modular integrated construction (MiC) method. The MiC modules are prefabricated with interior fittings, building services and furniture in a factory. Upon arrival at the construction site, the units will be ready for use after simple installation and connection to the fresh water, electricity and sewerage system, which can reduce the overall construction time.