

Correctional officer stops remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

A correctional officer stopped a 34-year-old male remand person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (May 11).

At 3.57am today, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with the catheter of a urine bag tied to the grille bar of his cell. The officer immediately stopped the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving examination and treatment in the institution hospital, he was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was remanded for the offence of arson in April 2018.