

## Correctional officer stops remand person in custody committing self-harm

A correctional officer stopped a remand person in custody committing self-harm in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (January 31). At 1.05pm, the 52-year-old male remand person in custody suddenly turned emotional and hit his head against the grille bars of the visiting booth when he was receiving a social visit inside the visit room. An officer at the scene immediately stopped the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment in the institution hospital, he did not need to be sent to a public hospital. 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 its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

â€‹The person in custody was remanded for the offence of robbery in December 2019.