

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 29-year-old female person in custody attempting suicide by hanging in the institution hospital of Tai Lam Centre for Women today (June 21).

At 7.56am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging herself with a bedsheet tied to the grille bars of the cell inside the institution hospital. The officer immediately called for reinforcement and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious. She did not need to be sent to a public hospital after receiving treatment provided by the institution Medical Officer. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

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 sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in October 2018.