

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 54-year-old male person in custody attempting suicide by hanging at Tai Lam Correctional Institution today (July 19).

At 5.15am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet tied to the grille bars of the cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement to stop the act. The person in custody was found conscious and was subsequently sent to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist 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."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of robbery in July 2014.