

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 60-year-old male remand person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre yesterday (August 21).

At 11.19pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with his pyjamas trousers tied to the grille bar of his cell. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the act and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving examination and treatment, he was sent 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 August 2020.