

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging

â€œCorrectional officers stopped a 71-year-old male remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging in Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution yesterday (August 6).

At 9.05pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with his shirt tied to the grille bar of a dormitory. The officer immediately called for reinforcement to rescue and provide first aid treatment to him. The person in custody was found conscious at the time and was subsequently 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 May 2024.