<u>Fifth stop of "Anti-drug Info Zone:</u> <u>Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future"</u> <u>Roving Exhibition to be staged at</u> <u>MegaBox this weekend</u>

The "Anti-drug Info Zone: Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future" Roving Exhibition (Anti-drug Roving Exhibition) will be held at MegaBox on September 7 and 8. Members of the public are welcome to visit the exhibition at the Atrium on the 5/F of MegaBox from 10am to 9pm.

The Anti-drug Roving Exhibition is co-organised by the Narcotics Division (ND) of the Security Bureau and the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN), and is designed with the theme of interstellar space. Drugs are portrayed in the exhibition as aliens that should be defeated. This visual representation helps present the adverse effects caused by drugs on one's mind and body in a vivid manner. And by seeing the aliens, everyone will be strongly reminded again to stay away from drugs at all times, and of the dire consequences of committing drug crimes.

Including elements of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and multimedia, the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition is divided into different theme zones with games, digital exhibition panels and a photo booth to spread anti-drug knowledge to visitors, and provide them with information about criminal liability for drug offences, how to seek help and so on. Antidrug videos, animations and leaflets will also be available at the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition to provide visitors with precise anti-drug information. After the fifth stop, the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition will be held at shopping malls in different districts and at tertiary institutes until the end of March next year.

A new school year has just begun. Students may face challenges as they embark on their new learning journeys. The Chairman of the ACAN, Dr Donald Li, reminds young people about the importance of starting healthy hobbies and engaging in activities that promote mental and physical well-being in their spare time. Dr Li added, "Young people are our future pillars. I hope they can develop a positive mindset when they are young so that they can cope with daily challenges with ease as they grow up. When facing the temptation of drugs, our young people can firmly say 'no', and build a drug-free Hong Kong together."

The website (www.nd.gov.hk) of the ND contains detailed information about drugs, including frequently asked questions about "space oil", cocaine and cannabis for the public's reference. Information about the ND's anti-drug roving exhibition is available on its dedicated webpage (www.nd.gov.hk/en/rovingexhibition.html). Netizens are also encouraged to follow the ND's official accounts ("narcotics.divisionhk") on Facebook and Instagram for the latest anti-drug information. If members of the public encounter any drug problems, they can send messages to 98 186 186 on instant messaging applications WhatsApp and WeChat, or call the 24-hour hotline 186 186 to seek information or assistance from professional social workers.