## Fourth stop of "Anti-drug Info Zone: Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future" Roving Exhibition to be staged at Olympian City

The "Anti-drug Info Zone: Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future" Roving Exhibition (Anti-drug Roving Exhibition) will move to Olympian City on August 24 and 25. Members of the public are welcome to visit the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition at the Central Atrium on the ground floor of Olympian City 2 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, 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. Anti-drug videos, animations and leaflets will also be available at the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition to provide visitors with precise information about resisting drugs and seeking help.

After the fourth 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. For more details of the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition, please visit the dedicated webpage on the ND's website (<a href="https://www.nd.gov.hk/en/rovingexhibition.html">www.nd.gov.hk/en/rovingexhibition.html</a>).

In addition, the ND has been closely monitoring drug trends in and outside Hong Kong and carrying out preventive education and publicity in a timely manner to deepen the public's understanding of the harmful effects of drug abuse. The ND has just produced an animated video about "Space oil", which is about a youngster falling into a drug abyss after inhaling "Space oil" by vaping. "Space oil" is a kind of liquid to which harmful substances have been illegally added. Usually, its main ingredient is etomidate, an anaesthetic that can only be prescribed by a doctor according to the law. Anyone who illegally possesses and uses this substance commits an offence. "Space oil" may also be mixed with other drugs, including cannabis, methamphetamine (commonly known as "Ice"), ketamine (commonly known as "K"),

etc. "Space oil" will cause addiction as well as serious physical and mental harm, and even death. Therefore, vaping "Space oil" is the same as taking drugs. The animated video has been uploaded onto the ND's website (<a href="www.nd.gov.hk/en/publicity\_materials.html">www.nd.gov.hk/en/publicity\_materials.html</a>) as well as social media platforms (Facebook page and Instagram account of "narcotics.divisionhk").