

# One Common Squirrel Monkey of Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens passed away

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (October 19) that one Common Squirrel Monkey of the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (HKZBG) that was put under isolated surveillance was found dead today. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will conduct necropsy on the animal body, to ascertain if the cause of death was the same as the other cases earlier.

The monkey is one of two Common Squirrel Monkeys put under isolation and medication since October 16 when their movement response were found unusual. At present, the remaining Common Squirrel Monkey and one De Brazza's Monkey that has been isolated since October 13 are under isolated surveillance and given medication. A total of ten animals of the HKZBG have passed away since October 13.

The LCSD will continue to close the Mammals Section of the HKZBG, to closely monitor the health conditions of the animals, and continue to provide protective gear and health monitoring for staff who take care of animals. At present, the health conditions of staff concerned are normal.