

# Person in custody commits suicide by hanging at Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution

A 47-year-old male person in custody at Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution committed suicide by hanging today (March 25).

At 4.59am today, a correctional officer found that the person in custody had committed suicide by hanging with towels tied to the grille bars of his cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement to provide first-aid treatment, and a helicopter was summoned to send the person in custody to a public hospital for rescue. He was subsequently certified dead at 5.51am.

The Correctional Services Department has reported the case to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The deceased was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in November 2016.