

Person in custody found unconscious dies in hospital

A 56-year-old male person in custody who was found unconscious in Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution died in a public hospital today (January 4).

At 9.16am today, the person in custody suddenly felt physical discomfort inside the dining hall and was immediately sent to the institution hospital for examination. During the course of examination by the institution medical officer, he was found unconscious. First aid treatment was immediately applied and a helicopter was called to send him to a public hospital for further rescue. His condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 10.43am today.

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

The person in custody, who had a drug abuse history of more than 30 years, was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in May 2015.