

Seventh stop of “Anti-drug Info Zone: Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future” Roving Exhibition to be held at Citywalk 2 this weekend

The "Anti-drug Info Zone: Stride Ahead Into A Drug-free Future" Roving Exhibition (Anti-drug Roving Exhibition) will be held at Citywalk 2 in Tsuen Wan tomorrow (October 19) and October 20. Members of the public are welcome to visit the exhibition at the event hall on the UG/F of Citywalk 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. By seeing the aliens, everyone will be strongly reminded again to stay away from drugs at all times, and be aware 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, as well as 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 anti-drug information. After this seventh stop, the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition will be held at different places including tertiary institutes until the end of March next year.

Furthermore, the ND has been closely monitoring drug trends in and outside Hong Kong and is carrying out preventive education and publicity in a timely manner to deepen the public's understanding of the harmful effects caused by drug abuse. The ND has produced an animated video about the harmful effects of abusing "space oil", which depicts a youngster falling into a drug abyss after inhaling "space oil" through vaping. "Space oil" is a kind of liquid that has harmful substances illegally added to it. 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 and ketamine (commonly known as "K"), etc. "Space oil" can 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 will be shown at the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition. Members of the public are also encouraged to watch the animated video on the relevant ND's webpage

(www.nd.gov.hk/en/space_oil.html) and official accounts ("narcotics.divisionhk") on Facebook and Instagram.

Apart from the animated video on "space oil", the ND's official accounts ("narcotics.divisionhk") on Facebook and Instagram also provide the latest anti-drug information. The public are welcome to follow the accounts. The website (www.nd.gov.hk) of the ND also contains detailed information about dangerous drugs, including frequently asked questions about cocaine, cannabis and methamphetamine (commonly known as "Ice"), as well as updates on the Anti-drug Roving Exhibition (www.nd.gov.hk/en/rovingexhibition.html). If members of the public encounter any drug problems, they can message 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.