

Applications invited for operating green minibus routes

The Transport Department (TD) published a Gazette notice today (August 24) to invite applications for passenger service licences for the operation of three packages of five public light bus (scheduled) routes (green minibus routes) on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon.

The three packages are:

- (1) Sheung Wan (Hollywood Road) to Caine Road (Circular);
- (2) Ap Lei Chau (Ping Lan Street) to Lei Tung Estate/Ap Lei Chau Estate (Circular); and
Ap Lei Chau (Ping Lan Street) to Causeway Bay (Lee Garden Road) (Circular);
- (3) between Yau Tong (Yau Lai Estate) and Hong Kong Children's Hospital; and
between Sau Mau Ping and Hong Kong Children's Hospital.

Application forms are obtainable free of charge from the following offices:

- (a) TD New Territories Regional Office, 7/F, Mongkok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Kowloon; and
- (b) TD Hong Kong Licensing Office, 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong.

Applicants should refer to the details of the public light bus (scheduled) routes and "Guidance Notes for Applicants" attached in the application form when completing the application form.

Completed application forms must be submitted in a plain white envelope sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope with "Application for Passenger Service Licence(s) in Respect of the Packages of Public Light Bus (Scheduled) Routes Gazetted in August 2018" and placed in the TD Tender Box located at the reception counter of the TD Headquarters at 41/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong before noon on September 28 (Friday). Applications by any other means or submitted late will not be considered.

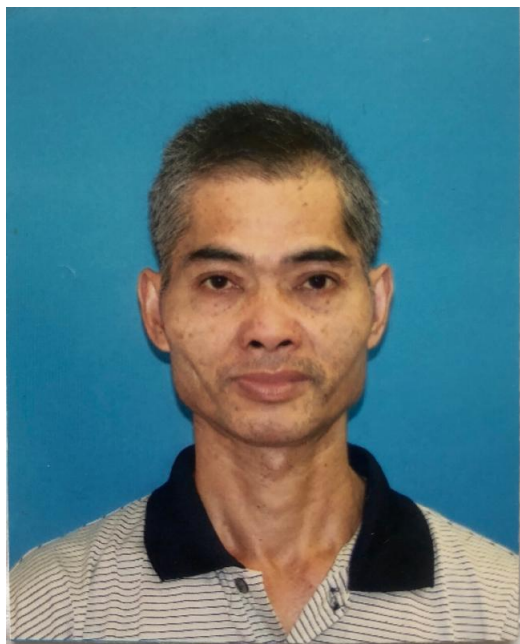
Appeal for information on missing man (with photo)

Police today (August 24) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing.

Kok Wah, aged 74, cannot be reached by his family since he was last contacted on August 21 noon. His family made a report to Police on the next day (August 22).

He is about 1.6 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a square face with yellow complexion and short grey hair. He was last seen wearing black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 9480 3644, or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 24) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Regional Traffic Day of Kowloon West

Police yesterday (August 23) held the Regional Traffic Day in Kowloon West to raise public awareness of road safety through stringent enforcement actions.

A total of 253 officers from Traffic Kowloon West and District Traffic Teams of Kowloon City, Mong Kok, Shum Shui Po and Yau Tsim Districts were deployed to take enforcement actions at traffic black spots in Kowloon West.

The operation resulted in the issue of 2 293 fixed penalty tickets and 154 summonses. Among the fixed penalty tickets and summonses issued, a total of 2 138 fixed penalty tickets were issued for illegal parking and the rest are for other traffic offences.

Police figures revealed that a total of 1 827 traffic accidents involving casualties occurred in Kowloon West in the first seven months of 2018, of which 465 cases involved pedestrian injuries.

Police will continue to take regular enforcement actions to ensure road safety.

CHP investigates four additional local cases of dengue fever

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is investigating today (August 23) four additional local cases of dengue fever (DF) and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

The cases are detailed below:

Sex	Female	Male	Male	Male
Age	71	34	76	18

Any underlying illness	Yes	Yes	Nil	Nil
Onset date	August 19	August 20	July 31	August 22
Symptoms	Fever, headache, arthralgia and myalgia	Fever and myalgia	Fever, headache and malaise	Fever, headache, retro-orbital pain and myalgia
Residence	Fa Peng Road, Cheung Chau	Ki Lun Tsuen, Yuen Long	Fa Peng Road, Cheung Chau	Metro Town Phase II (Le Point), Tseung Kwan O
Local movement during incubation period	Cheung Chau	Surrounding areas outside Lion Rock Park	Cheung Chau	Cheung Chau
Recollection of mosquito bite history	Yes	Nil	Yes	Nil
Travel history during incubation period	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Medical attendance	Attended St John Hospital on August 22	Attended North District Hospital on August 22	Sought medical attention at St John Hospital's general out-patient clinic on August 6, 8 and 18	Attended St Paul's Hospital on August 22, to admit to Tseung Kwan O Hospital
Condition	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Condition of home contact(s)	Symptomatic	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic	Asymptomatic
Dengue virus laboratory result	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive

"We are working closely with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to assess and prevent possible spread of infection. The FEHD's vector investigations, surveillance and control are ongoing. Epidemiological investigations are ongoing," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"The CHP, together with the FEHD, will conduct a health talk at Chuk Yuen Estate Community Centre at 8pm tomorrow (August 24) to deliver health advice. The CHP has also provided [information](#) and details of [geographical distribution](#) on the local DF cases on the CHP's designated webpage for DF to

facilitate handy access of information for the public," the spokesman said.

The CHP appeals to members of the public not to visit Lion Rock Park during the closure period in order to prevent contracting DF. Scientific studies have shown that infected persons can transmit the virus to mosquitoes through mosquito bites even if they remain asymptomatic or before their onset of symptoms, leading to further spread of the disease. Hence, people who had visited Lion Rock Park are advised to apply insect repellent for 14 days upon their last visit, and those with DF symptoms should seek medical advice as early as possible.

Persons who have been to the vicinity of Wong Tai Sin (particularly Lion Rock Park), Kwai Shing West Estate, Clear Water Bay Second Beach, Cheung Chau (Hillside Road, Tsan Tuen Road, Fa Peng Road, San Hing Street and Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road), Highland Park, Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground, Wing Yiu Street, Tak Long Estate, Portland Street, Shanghai Street, Greenfield Garden, Jade Villa, Le Point and Ki Lun Tsuen with DF symptoms should call the CHP's hotline (2125 1122) for laboratory investigation or referral as appropriate. The hotline operates from 9am to 5.45pm daily.

"We have informed the Guangdong and Macao health authorities to alert them to the latest situation," the spokesman added.

These are the 20th to 23rd local cases recorded this year. Excluding the local cases, as of noon today, 61 imported cases had been recorded in 2018. The cases were mainly imported from Thailand (26), the Philippines (12) and Cambodia (7).

In the rainy season, the public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from affected areas should apply insect repellent for 14 days (DF) or at least 21 days (Zika Virus Infection) upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents

are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public should call 1823 in case of mosquito problems and may visit the DF pages of the [CHP](#) and its [Travel Health Service](#), the latest [Travel Health News](#), [tips for using insect repellents](#), the CHP [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the FEHD's [Guidebook on Control and Prevention of Mosquito Breeding](#) for more information.