

# Fatal traffic accident in Tseung Kwan O

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tseung Kwan O this afternoon (August 17) in which a four-year-old girl died.

At about 1.03pm, a private car driven by a 56-year-old man was travelling along Clear Water Bay Road towards Kowloon. When approaching near Pak Shek Wo Village, it reportedly knocked down the four-year-old girl who was crossing the road.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the girl was certified dead at scene.

The private car driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon East is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2305 7500 or 2305 7570.

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## Tenderers invited to apply for prequalification for "Trunk Road T2 and infrastructure works for developments at former south apron"

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (August 17) invited interested tenderers for the design and build contract "Trunk Road T2 and Infrastructure Works for Developments at the Former South Apron" to apply for prequalification.

The works mainly comprise design and construction of the following:

- \* a dual two-lane trunk road approximately 3.4km long, of which about 3.1km is in the form of a tunnel, connecting the former south apron of Kai Tak Development and the Lam Tin Interchange;
- \* two ventilation buildings at the two ends of the trunk road; and
- \* electrical and mechanical works and associated civil, structural, building, landscaping, drainage and sewerage works.

Subject to approval, other works to be included in the contract are:

- \* infrastructure works for developments at the former south apron, including local roads, elevated pedestrian walkway and associated works;
- \* pipelines for the district cooling system; and
- \* a slip road of the Central Kowloon Route.

The works are scheduled to commence in mid-2019 and complete in 2025.

The CEDD has commissioned Hyder-Meinhardt Joint Venture to supervise the works. Interested contractors may obtain prequalification documents from Hyder-Meinhardt Joint Venture at 17/F, Two Harbour Square, 180 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong.

The notice for prequalification of tenderers was gazetted today. The closing time for the prequalification application is noon on September 28. Completed applications should be placed in the Civil Engineering and Development Department Tender Box located at Suite 1213, Chinachem Golden Plaza, 77 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

Details of the notice are available on the CEDD website ([www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender/contract/tender/index.html](http://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender/contract/tender/index.html)). For enquiries, please call Hyder-Meinhardt Joint Venture at 2911 2048 during office hours.

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## Meetings of Legislative Council Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

No open or closed meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Committees will be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from August 20 to 24.

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## Twenty-nine immigration offenders arrested

The Immigration Department (ImmD) mounted a series of territory-wide anti-illegal worker operations, including an operation codenamed "Twilight," and joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force and the Labour Department codenamed "Champion", from August 13 to 16. A total of 18 illegal workers, seven suspected employers and four overstayers were arrested.

During operation "Twilight", ImmD Task Force officers raided 88 target locations including restaurants, retail shops, construction sites, residential flats, residential buildings and industrial buildings. Ten illegal workers and three employers were arrested. The illegal workers comprised seven men and three women, aged 19 to 40. Among them, a man and two women were suspected of using and being in possession of forged Hong Kong identity cards. Meanwhile, three men, aged 28 to 50, were suspected of employing the illegal workers.

Furthermore, during operation "Champion", enforcement officers raided 46 target locations in Sha Tin, Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Cheung Sha Wan, Lai Chi Kok, Yau Ma Tei and Tsim Sha Tsui districts, including restaurants, massage parlours, markets and fish stalls. Eight illegal workers, four employers and four overstayers were arrested. The overstayers comprised three men and a woman, aged 27 to 32. The illegal workers comprised three men and five women, aged 40 to 57. Meanwhile, four women, aged 41 to 56, were suspected of employing the illegal workers.

"Any person who contravenes a condition of stay in force in respect of him shall be guilty of an offence. Also, visitors are not allowed to take employment in Hong Kong, whether paid or unpaid, without the permission of the Director of Immigration. Offenders are liable to prosecution and upon conviction face a maximum fine of \$50,000 and up to two years' imprisonment. Aiders and abettors are also liable to prosecution and penalties," an ImmD spokesman said.

The spokesman warned that it is an offence to use or possess a forged Hong Kong identity card or a Hong Kong identity card related to another person. Offenders are liable to prosecution and a maximum penalty of a \$100,000 fine and up to 10 years' imprisonment.

The spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

Under the existing mechanism, the ImmD, as a standard procedure, will conduct initial screening of vulnerable persons, including illegal workers, illegal immigrants, sex workers and foreign domestic helpers, who are

arrested during any operation with a view to ascertaining whether they are trafficking in persons (TIP) victims. When any TIP indicator is revealed in the initial screening, the officers will conduct a full debriefing and identification by using a standardised checklist to ascertain the presence of TIP elements, such as threat and coercion in the recruitment phase and the nature of exploitation. Identified TIP victims will be provided with various forms of support and assistance, including urgent interference, medical services, counselling, shelter, temporary accommodation and other supporting services. The ImmD calls on TIP victims to report crimes to the relevant departments.

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## **Effective Exchange Rate Index**

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, August 17, 2018 is 104.6 (down 0.2 against yesterday's index).