

# Public hospitals heighten alertness on dengue fever

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In view of the latest confirmed local cases of dengue fever, the Hospital Authority (HA) Central Committee on Infectious Disease and Emergency Responses this morning (August 15) convened an ad hoc meeting, which was joined by representatives from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, to discuss the risk assessment and preparedness of public hospitals for the disease.

"According to our risk assessment of the current situation, in view of the unusual situation of confirmation of four local cases within a short period and also because the possibility of new local cases cannot be ruled out, the HA has to maintain high vigilance and get prepared for the contingency response. Front-line healthcare staff will be reminded to identify patients early for timely diagnosis and treatment," the HA spokesperson said.

At the meeting today it was agreed to implement the following enhanced measures to be prepared for the possible risk of an outbreak in Hong Kong:

- To activate the "e-Dengue" enhanced surveillance system tomorrow (August 16) to promptly review suspected cases and report them to the CHP for necessary follow-up;
- To strengthen co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the CHP on rapid testing of dengue fever to facilitate clinical diagnosis; and
- To step up mosquito control measures in public hospitals and clinics as well as their construction sites to eliminate every possible mosquito breeding site.

The meeting today also confirmed to strengthen internal communication on the latest situation and enhanced measures to enable the front-line units of public hospitals to get well prepared for the contingency response measures for an outbreak of dengue fever.

The spokesperson also appealed to members of the public who are residing in the vicinity of the four confirmed local cases and other travellers returning from affected areas to inform healthcare staff while seeking medical consultation at public hospitals and clinics. Furthermore, the public are also reminded to take measures on mosquito control including wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and applying insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body, and scrubbing and cleaning drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs.

The HA will continue to closely collaborate with the CHP to monitor the situation of dengue fever infection in Hong Kong and to keep the general public and professionals updated on the situation and relevant information.

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## Junior Police Call Fight Crime Summer Camp (with photos)

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, and the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, accompanied by the Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr Lau Yip-shing, officiated at the Launching Ceremony of the Junior Police Call (JPC) Fight Crime Summer Camp at Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village today (August 15).

With the theme of “Dream it. Live it”, the summer camp aimed to encourage JPC members to live their dreams. At the same time, the event also promoted fight crime messages among the participants.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Lee said that the JPC Scheme has devoted its efforts to promoting anti-crime messages. It continued to introduce new initiatives to enhance the leadership and communication skills as well as team spirit of JPC members. Its activities have been well received, resulting in the continuous expansion of the JPC Scheme.

After the ceremony, the officiating guests toured around the camp, visiting JPC members participating in various activities, such as E-sports demonstration, Cajón workshop and DIY “bubble tea” workshop.

In addition, a series of life planning activities were staged in the summer camp to facilitate JPC members to explore their future career development, including a talk about the E-sports industry and sharing sessions by elite athletes and an illustrator.

Organised by the Police, the annual summer camp aims to enhance JPC members’ awareness of crimes and promote positive values through various activities. Some 1,200 JPC members took part in this year’s summer camp held from August 15 to 17.



## Secretary for Justice visits Kwai Tsing District

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, visited Kwai Tsing District today (August 15) to keep abreast of the provision of youth services in the district and met with Kwai Tsing District Council members.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Kwai Tsing District Council, Mr Law King-shing, and the District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Mr Kenneth Cheng, Ms Cheng

visited the Youth Crime Prevention Centre run by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to learn about the operation of the centre, which provides support services for young people aged 10 to 24 who have been arrested and under police investigation, victims of the cases and their families.

During the visit, Ms Cheng learned that the centre offers preventive education, crisis intervention and assessment, and counselling services. She was also briefed on an online platform, Youth Law, which provides the public with information on juvenile crime prevention and support services available.

Ms Cheng then went to the Salvation Army Tai Wo Hau Children and Youth Centre, where she was introduced to services promoting the personal development of children and young people. She also exchanged views with several groups of youngsters joining summer activities in the centre. Ms Cheng said she was pleased to note that the centre serves as a neighbourhood location for connecting youngsters in the community and promoting their growth and development.

Before concluding her visit, Ms Cheng met with members of the Kwai Tsing District Council and exchanged views on issues of concern.

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## [Appeal for information on missing man in Tsuen Wan \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (August 15) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Tsuen Wan.

Leung Wa-kan, aged 55, went missing after he was last seen in a hostel on Tsuen King Circuit yesterday (August 14) morning. Staff of the hostel made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.67 metres tall, 65 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a grey jacket, black shorts, black slippers and a cap in orange colour.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit, New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 9480 3644 or email to [rmpu-nts-1@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-nts-1@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.



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## [Beat Drugs Fund invites grant applications for 2018 Funding Exercise of Regular Funding Scheme](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Secretariat of the Beat Drugs Fund Association:

The Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) is inviting grant applications for the 2018 Funding Exercise of the Regular Funding Scheme (RFS) from today (August 15) until September 17.

The BDF RFS aims to promote worthwhile anti-drug projects that can help address the problem of drug abuse. For the 2018 Funding Exercise of the RFS, projects meeting one or more of the priority areas (see Annex) for treatment and rehabilitation, preventive education and publicity, and research will be accorded priority.

The application form and the guide to applicants are available on the website of the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau ([www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat\\_drug\\_fund\\_2018.htm](http://www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat_drug_fund_2018.htm)). Briefing sessions for interested applicants will be held on August 20 and 23 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre. The enrolment form for the briefing sessions is also available from the same website.

Enquiries are welcome by telephone at 2867 2737 or 2867 2286, by fax on 2810 1790, or via email to [bdf@sb.gov.hk](mailto:bdf@sb.gov.hk).

The results of applications for the 2018 Funding Exercise are expected to be released in the first quarter of 2019. Applications for the next round of the funding exercise will tentatively be invited in the third quarter of 2019.