### LegCo subcommittee special meeting

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways will hold a special meeting at 10am tomorrow (July 13) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex to discuss the issues relating to the alleged substandard steel works at Hung Hom Station under the Shatin to Central Link project.

# Sample of rice vermicelli with roast duck detected with excessive Bacillus cereus

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (July 12) announced that a sample of rice vermicelli with roast duck was found to contain an excessive amount of Bacillus cereus, a pathogen. The CFS is following up on the case.

"Following up on a food complaint, the CFS collected the above sample from a restaurant in Causeway Bay for testing. The test result showed that the sample contained Bacillus cereus at a level of 230 000 per gram. Under the Microbiological Guidelines for Food, if ready-to-eat food contains Bacillus cereus at a level of more than 100 000 per gram, it is considered unsatisfactory," a CFS spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the CFS had informed the restaurant concerned of the unsatisfactory test result and instructed it to suspend the sale of the affected food. The CFS has also provided health education on food safety and hygiene to the person-in-charge and staff of the restaurant, and requested it to review and improve the food production process and carry out thorough cleaning and disinfection.

According to Section 54 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132), all food available for sale in Hong Kong, locally produced or imported, should be fit for human consumption. An offender is subject to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Bacillus cereus is commonly found in the environment. Unhygienic conditions in food processing and storage may give rise to its growth. Consuming food contaminated with excessive Bacillus cereus may cause gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting and diarrhoea.

The CFS will continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action to safeguard food safety and public health.

### HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 18 temporary night heat shelters tonight (July 12) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's enquiries hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 18 night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western —
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern/Wan Chai —
Causeway Bay Community Centre
Waiting Lobby, 3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern — Lei Tung Community Hall Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

#### Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City — Hung Hom Community Hall Multi-purpose Room, 1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices, 42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong —
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po -

Shek Kip Mei Community Hall G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Nam Cheong Street, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin —
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
Hall, G/F, 45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong — Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands -

Tung Chung Community Hall G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing —
Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North — Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung — Hang Hau Community Hall G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin —
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po —
Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan —
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun —
Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long — Long Ping Community Hall Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long —
Tin Yiu Community Centre
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

The temporary night heat shelters will resume their functions as either community centres or community halls in the daytime for hire by the local community and cannot continue to be open as heat shelters. People may choose to take refuge from the heat during the daytime in the common areas in any of the 21 designated community centres or community halls. Their opening hours are from 9am to 10pm. For addresses of the community centres or community halls, please browse the following webpage:

www.had.gov.hk/file\_manager/en/documents/public\_services/emergency\_services/L
ist\_CH\_CC\_Day\_E.pdf.

## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 11) seized about 1.4 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine and a set of inhalation apparatus with an estimated market value of about \$970,000 at Lok Ma Chau Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming private vehicle at Lok Ma Chau Control Point and found the suspected methamphetamine and a set of inhalation apparatus inside the luggage of a male passenger. The 42-year-old man was then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drugs is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).



## <u>Temporary suspension of Mobile Library</u> <u>10 service at Tsing Tin Playground in</u> Tuen Mun

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 12) that the services provided by Mobile Library 10 at Tsing Tin Playground in Tuen Mun will be suspended from July 16 until further notice to facilitate refurbishment work at the venue.

For enquiries about the services of Mobile Library 10, please call 2450 1857.

Readers are welcome to use other public libraries during the service suspension period. They may also renew library materials by telephoning 2698 0002 or 2827 2833, or via the Internet at <a href="https://www.hkpl.gov.hk">www.hkpl.gov.hk</a>.