Hong Kong Customs alerts public on unsafe school uniform (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs today (July 16) alerted members of the public on the potential risk of harmful aromatic amines being released from a school uniform.

Customs earlier conducted a test-buy operation on school uniforms from the local market for safety tests. The results revealed that the dark cloth embroidered trimmings on a type of school uniform contained azo dyes that might release harmful aromatic amines and violated the requirement of the related standard.

Customs officers subsequently seized 17 pieces of the school uniform from the retailer concerned.

Customs is committed to the protection of consumer interests and regularly conducts spot checks and safety tests on consumer goods to ensure that they are reasonably safe for use by consumers.

Under the Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance, it is an offence to supply, manufacture or import into Hong Kong consumer goods unless the goods comply with the general safety requirements for consumer goods. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year on first conviction, and \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years on subsequent conviction.

Members of the public with information relating to unsafe consumer goods may submit a report via the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



Fraudulent website and phishing email

related to Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

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Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the website concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the website should contact the bank concerned using the contact information provided in the press release, and report to the Police or contact the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

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DH starts accepting applications for Project on Dental Services for Persons with Intellectual Disability

The Department of Health (DH) today (July 16) launched a three-year Project on Dental Services for Persons with Intellectual Disability, also known as Healthy Teeth Collaboration.

Five non-governmental organisation (NGO) dental clinics participating in the project, namely Christian Family Service Centre Tokwawan Dental Clinic, Haven of Hope S K Yee Hang Hau Clinic, Loving Smiles Special Care Dental Centre, Hong Kong Tuberculosis Association Rusy M Shroff Oral Health Services Limited and TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Community Dental Clinic, will provide free dental care services including oral check-ups, dental treatments and oral health education to eligible persons.

In addition, the service of the operating theatres of Evangel Hospital, Gleneagles Hong Kong Hospital and Precious Blood Hospital (Caritas) will be engaged if and when required by the dental clinics above.

Persons aged 18 or above holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities issued by the Labour and Welfare Bureau with the type of disability of "intellectual disability" or "mental handicap", and who are recipients of either Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or Disability Allowance of the Social Welfare Department or medical fee waiver of the Hospital Authority are eligible for the project.

The project details and application form as well as contact details of the NGO dental clinics are available at the DH's website (www.dh.gov.hk/english/main/main_ds/main_ds_dcp.html). Posters will be displayed and pamphlets will be distributed at the NGO dental clinics and rehabilitation service centres.

Applicants wishing to obtain dental services under the Project may select one of the participating NGO dental clinics and submit an application to the selected clinic. For enquiries, please call:

* Christian Family Service Centre Tokwawan Dental Clinic

Tel: 3590 9449

* Haven of Hope S K Yee Hang Hau Clinic

Tel: 2706 0522

* Loving Smiles Special Care Dental Centre

Tel: 2370 2669

WhatsApp: 5406 3928

* Hong Kong Tuberculosis Association Rusy M Shroff Oral Health Services Limited

Tel: 3553 3535

* TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Community Dental Clinic

Tel: 2581 0221

Over 1 800 vacancies on offer at Job Expo for Elderly and Rehabilitation Services

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a large-scale job expo for elderly and rehabilitation services at MacPherson Stadium on July 18 and 19 to enhance job seekers' understanding of the industry and assist employers to recruit talent.

A total of 40 organisations, offering over 1 800 vacancies, will participate in the two-day expo. The vacancies offered cover a wide variety of positions such as physiotherapist, occupational therapist, nurse, care worker, health worker, clerk, programme worker, customer service assistant, general service assistant, meal delivery worker and more. Job seekers can find more information on the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk). Moreover, there are six training bodies introducing training course information.

Around 80 per cent of the vacancies are full-time jobs. Most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$11,000 to \$19,000. About 90 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Six education level or below. Around 81 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant work experience, and many vacancies are suitable for young people and secondary school graduates.

Job seekers can submit applications on the spot and may be selected for on-site interviews. They can also make enquiries on employment services at the LD's counter at the venue.

The job expo will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at MacPherson Stadium, 1/F, 38 Nelson Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon. Admission is free.