

## [FEHD combats illegal import and sale of chewing smokeless tobacco products \(with photo\)](#)

The Centre for Food Safety and the Environmental Hygiene Branch of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (July 12) conducted blitz inspections at retail outlets and detected two suspected cases of illegal import and sale of chewing smokeless tobacco products.

FEHD officers, upon receiving intelligence, conducted blitz operations at the targeted retail outlets today to combat the illegal import and sale of chewing smokeless tobacco products. During the operations, FEHD officers found two suspected cases of illegal import and sale of chewing smokeless tobacco products and seized all products concerned for further investigation and testing. Should there be sufficient evidence, prosecution will be instituted against the persons involved. The investigation is ongoing.

A spokesman for the FEHD said that the department will continue its inspection work to combat the illegal sale of chewing smokeless tobacco products. Moreover, the FEHD will maintain close liaison and exchange of intelligence with other enforcement departments, including Hong Kong Customs, and enhance enforcement actions at various boundary control points to combat the illegal import of smokeless tobacco products.

According to the Smokeless Tobacco Products (Prohibition) Regulations (Cap. 132BW), no person shall import, manufacture, sell, possess for sale, offer or expose for sale, consign or deliver any smokeless tobacco product. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The spokesman said that the department has been closely monitoring and taking enforcement actions to combat activities in breach of the Regulations. Under the Regulations, a smokeless tobacco product refers to any product which consists of tobacco, or primarily of tobacco, intended to be taken orally, and includes chewing tobacco (whether looseleaf, firm plug, moist plug, twist or roll chewing tobacco) and moist snuff, but does not include dry snuff taken by inhalation.

All tobacco products are harmful to health. Smokeless tobacco products contain various harmful substances, including carcinogens. The spokesman appealed to persons using chewing tobacco products to quit smoking as soon as possible for their personal health. Members of the public may visit the relevant website ([www.livetobaccofree.hk](http://www.livetobaccofree.hk)) or call the integrated smoking cessation hotline (1833 183) of the Department of Health for information on smoking cessation.



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## Missing man in Tsing Yi located

A man who went missing in Tsing Yi has been located.

Wong Yuen-leung, aged 60, went missing after he contacted his family by phone in January. His family made a report to Police on May 21.

The man was located in a hospital on Tsing Chung Koon Road in Tuen Mun today (July 12). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## LegCo to consider Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting next Wednesday (July 17) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Second Reading debate on the Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023 will resume. If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bill and its report is adopted by the Council, the Bill will be set down for the Third Reading.

Meanwhile, the Second Reading debate on the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) (Amendment) Bill 2023 will also resume. If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bill and its report is adopted by the Council, the Bill will be set down for the Third Reading.

On Members' motions, Mr Dennis Leung will move a motion on developing local vocational and professional education and training. The motion is set out in Appendix 1. Mr Lee Chun-keung, Mr Rock Chen and Mr Tang Fei will move separate amendments to Mr Leung's motion.

Mr Tony Tse will move a motion on actively developing land and optimizing land use to promote the development of the economy and industries. The motion is set out in Appendix 2. Mr Louis Loong, Mr Stanley Ng, Ms Chan Yuet-ming, Mr Lau Kwok-fan, Ms Carmen Kan and Mr Andrew Lam will move separate amendments to Mr Tse's motion.

Members will also ask the Government 21 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

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## Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs to visit Shanghai

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, will visit Shanghai tomorrow (July 13).

During her visit, Miss Mak will attend the opening ceremony of the first batch of the training programme for the seventh-term District Council members, and meet with officials from the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

Miss Mak will return to Hong Kong on July 14. In her absence, the Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung, will act as the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs.

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## Appeal for information on missing man in Ngau Tau Kok (with photo)

Police today (July 12) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok.

Chan Hoi, aged 35, went missing after he left his residence in Choi Fook Estate on April 8, 2023. His family made a report to Police on June 21 this year.

He is about 1.7 metres tall and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or 9582 4272 or email to [rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.

