

Transcript of remarks by SHYA at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, at a media session after visiting residents affected by the No. 3 alarm fire in Jordan at the Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre temporary shelter today (April 10):

Reporter: How many people are in need of alternative accommodations?

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs: Currently, there are over a hundred affected residents in the shelter. The Home Affairs Department is trying our very best to provide assistance to all these affected residents and visitors.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

Inter-departmental help desks stood down

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The inter-departmental help desks set up by the Home Affairs Department at the Accident and Emergency Departments, Kwong Wah Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital today (April 10) in response to the fire incident at a building on Jordan Road in Yau Ma Tei have now been stood down.

Transcript of remarks by CE at media session at Queen Elizabeth Hospital after visiting injured persons of No.

3 alarm fire in Jordan (with photos/video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, at a media session at Queen Elizabeth Hospital today (April 10) with the Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, and the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, after visiting the injured persons of the No. 3 alarm fire in Jordan:

Reporter: There have been large fires in the past two days. How will the Government enhance safety regulations and rescue efforts? Firefighters found a lot of blockading objects on the first floor. How will authorities deal with buildings that do not comply with mandatory building inspections? Will there be more inspections or stricter penalties put in place? Thank you.

Chief Executive: First of all, in respect of our response to actual fire incidents, I think the professional departments, including the Fire Services Department and the supporting departments, are all very professional and they are very good at providing immediate response and rescue actions. In respect of ensuring general fire safety, we have, of course, a system in ensuring aged buildings, when their safety standard need to be upgraded, there is a system for the Fire Services Department to demand for extra installation for fire safety, and that is done through directions. Of course, there will be penalties for those who do not comply with the directions.

In regard to ensuring fire safety, there are regular inspection visits by the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department. When we have identified fire hazards, the Fire Services Department can issue notice to demand measures to reduce the fire risk, and the person concerned has to comply with the requirements. Failing that, there will be legal actions. Of course, there is a general upgrading of fire standard to ensure that for buildings where we think the fire standard needs to be improved, we have the power to demand them to do the necessary work. The Security Bureau is also examining how this law can be further enhanced so that when there are people who are not being co-operative, not complying with the requirements, whether it is possible for the Government to take over the (fire safety improvement) works, and then require the people concerned to pay for the actual expenses for the works. This is an area that the Security Bureau is examining actively, and we will listen to public opinions and do some consultation in due course.

But as a whole, we are of course, very serious about fire safety as we can see any incident of fire can so quickly get out of control. I thank the Fire Services Department for doing their professional job so devotedly, and their standard and knowledge are up to an international standard. As you can see in this case, the fire was under control within an hour. But of course, all fires are dangerous. So we must do our best to ensure that the best fire safety standard is maintained, ensuring that we all live in a safe

environment. Thank you very much.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)



[SWD urges public to be alert to fraudulent job advertisement](#)

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (April 10) alerted members of the public to a fraudulent job advertisement published on a social media platform.

The fraudulent job advertisement concerned, carrying the SWD logo, was about recruitment of part-time and full-time staff for platform operation/co-ordination of activities. The SWD clarified that it had not published the job advertisement in question. The case has been reported to the Police. The social media platform has also been requested to follow up on the fraudulent advertisement.

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to any suspicious websites or unknown persons via the advertisement should contact the Police. For enquiries, please call the SWD hotline at 2343 2255.

[HAD opens additional temporary shelter after fire incident on Jordan Road](#)

ã€ã€ã€In response to the fire incident at a building on Jordan Road in Yau Ma Tei, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has opened an additional temporary shelter at the Nam Cheong District Community Centre for residents in need.

ã€ã€ã€The addresses of temporary shelters that are now open are as follows:

Temporary shelter	Address
Nam Cheong District Community Centre	1 Cheong San Lane, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre	60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

The HAD will closely monitor the situation, and liaise with other government departments to provide residents with appropriate assistance.