

Opening remarks by STL at opening ceremony of Smart Logistics Datathon 2024 (English only)

Following are the opening remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, at the opening ceremony of the Smart Logistics Datathon 2024 today (April 2):

Professor Cheung (Director of the Asian Institute of Supply Chains & Logistics, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Cheung Wai-man), distinguished guests, fellow participants, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening. It is my great honour and pleasure to join you all here in the opening ceremony of the Smart Logistics Datathon.

First and foremost, on behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), I would like to welcome all the young talent from home and different parts of Asia to Hong Kong. I understand you visited our airport and the associated facilities this morning. As many of you may already know, Hong Kong International Airport is among the world's busiest airports and I am sure you all had the privilege to see for yourselves today. And Cyberport, the place we are at right now, is Hong Kong's digital flagship. So your visit today basically combines "smart" and "logistics". I hope you enjoyed the visits and workshops today, as well as the real deal of the competition, which will start later today.

Digital economy has been transforming the world, reforming traditional business models and creating new industries, and the logistics sector is no exception. From the bread and butter of logistics like supply chain management to emerging or fast-growing sectors like e-commerce, digitalisation is all the rage in the logistics industry. This is precisely why the HKSAR Government made the smart logistics development one of the key directions of growth for Hong Kong's modern logistics industry in our Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development promulgated in October last year.

This digitalisation drive could be powered not just by the Government's effort, but also by industries and academia through collaboration with multiple means. Such collaborative effort is exemplified by no better than the Smart Logistics Datathon today, which is the first promotional event supported by the Logistics Promotion Funding Scheme, which we launched under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund this January to support the logistics-related organisations and professional bodies for organising campaigns and activities that will promote the industry and hopefully instil in the young minds that we logistic people are a really cool bunch.

To me, the Datathon is not just a digital challenge, but also a timely answer to the manpower development need that the logistics industry is facing. The industry's turn towards smartness is irreversible, and it takes a

multidisciplinary workforce with specialised and professional knowledge for industry players to stay relevant in the game. In this way, the Datathon not only simulates the data crunch that makes your daily online order delivery seem so effortless, but also provides early exposure to those of you who are talented and interested in modern logistics-related entrepreneurship and innovation. We hope that this unique experience will inspire your creativity and more importantly your interest in joining the logistics industry, which I believe will continue to be one of the sturdiest engines of economic growth for years to come.

My gratitude goes to the Asian Institute of Supply Chains & Logistics of the Chinese University of Hong Kong for organising this remarkable event. I would also like to thank the Airport Authority Hong Kong, and Professor Wu Jing, the Director of the Institute Development Office of the Asian Institute of Supply Chains & Logistics, for providing data for the Datathon, as well as the logistics trade as a whole for your staunch support for the competition and indeed the Government's effort in promoting the image of and fostering the manpower development for the industry as we have committed in the Action Plan. The Datathon only lasts for three days, but our collaboration shall continue to make the logistics industry as an indispensable pillar of our economy.

Last but not least, I wish you all a successful and fulfilling experience at the unsleepable 35-hour Smart Logistics Datathon. To our overseas guests, do enjoy your stay in Hong Kong. And to our local participants, I hope you will have a great adventure. Good luck to everyone! Thank you.

[Update on cluster of Candida auris cases in Prince of Wales Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on the patients in a ward of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics in Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) confirmed as carriers of *Candida auris*, the spokesperson for PWH gave the following update today (April 2):

Following a contact tracing investigation, one more patient, an 81-year-old male, was identified as a carrier of *Candida auris* without signs of infection. The patient is now being treated in isolation and is in stable condition.

PWH will continue the contact tracing investigation in accordance with the prevailing guidelines. A series of enhanced infection control measures

have already been adopted:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures; and
3. Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients.

PWH has reported the case to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

[Appeal for information on missing girl in Kwai Chung \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (April 2) appealed to the public for information on a girl who went missing in Kwai Chung.

Chau Lok-yiu, aged 13, went missing after she left her residence in Kwai Shing East Estate on March 14 night. Her family member made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.58 metres tall, 47 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and long black hair. She was last seen wearing a grey jacket, a black school uniform dress and black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing girl or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 5683 7041 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Missing man in Ta Kwu Ling located

A man who went missing in Ta Kwu Ling has been located.

Wong Hong-chin, aged 35, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Lo Wu Station on March 27 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located in MTR Po Lam station, Tseung Kwan O in the small hours on March 31. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Woman sentenced for violating anti-epidemic regulations

The Department of Health (DH) today (April 2) announced that one person was sentenced by the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts in the past month (March 1 to 31) for violating the Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation (Cap. 599D).

The case involved a 39 year-old woman. The dates of violating the relevant regulation were January 6 and 7, 2022. She was sentenced to 160 hours' community service order by the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts.

â€‹The DH will continue its actions against those who have breached the relevant regulations earlier.