FEHD appeals to public not to patronise unlicensed food business (with photos)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) raided an unlicensed food factory in Causeway Bay during a blitz operation today (March 19). A spokesman for the FEHD appealed to the public not to patronise unlicensed food business.

Acting on intelligence collected, the FEHD raided an upper floor unit on Lee Garden Road, Causeway Bay, today, which was suspected to be used as an unlicensed food factory. The operation has successfully smashed an unlicensed food factory suspected of selling lunch boxes through distribution of promotional leaflets and receiving orders of lunch boxes by phone. The FEHD arrested one person and initiated procedures on prosecution for suspected operation of a food factory without a licence, and disposed of about 50 kilograms of food (including lunch boxes ready for delivery).

"When ordering food through the Internet or phone, members of the public should make sure that the food is prepared by licensed food premises to safeguard food safety and hygiene. Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. Licensed food premises providing food delivery services shall provide the licence information legibly on the printed promotional materials for the knowledge of the public. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/list_licensed_premises.html)," a spokesman for the FEHD said.

The FEHD will continue to take stringent enforcement action against unlicensed food business to safeguard food safety and public health. Under the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), anyone operating a food factory without a licence commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Members of the public can report any suspected illegal food business activities by calling the FEHD hotline 2868 0000.





Cluster of Influenza A cases at Haven of Hope Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Haven of Hope Hospital made the following announcement today (March 19):

Seven patients (aged 67 to 92) in a medical ward have presented with fever or respiratory symptoms since March 15. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. Among the patients, an 81-year-old woman passed away this morning due to her underlying diseases, while the others are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the wards are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

<u>Cluster of Human Metapneumovirus cases</u> <u>in Castle Peak Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following announcement today (March 19):

â€<Three patients (aged 35 to 69) in a male adult psychiatric ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since March 8. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Human Metapneumovirus. The patients concerned are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

Fraudulent websites and internet banking login screens related to Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited relating to fraudulent websites and internet banking login screens, which have been reported to the HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the HKMA website.

The HKMA wishes to remind the public that banks will not send SMS or emails with embedded hyperlinks which direct them to the banks' websites to carry out transactions. They will not ask customers for sensitive personal information, such as login passwords or one-time password, by phone, email or SMS (including via embedded hyperlinks).

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the websites or login screens concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

<u>Fraudulent website related to Bank</u> Julius Baer & Co. Ltd.

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