Missing woman in Kwai Chung located

A woman who went missing in Kwai Chung has been located.

Lau Tsui-lin, aged 71, went missing after she left her residence in Kwai Fong Estate on February 28 morning. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman was located at a shopping centre on Hing Fong Road this afternoon (March 2). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Hong Kong Customs seizes eggs of suspected scheduled endangered bird species (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 1) seized 188 eggs of suspected scheduled endangered bird species with an estimated market value of about \$4.14 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A 29-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Thailand yesterday. He was intercepted for customs clearance at the arrivals hall of the airport. Customs officers found the batch of bird eggs inside two metal boxes in his carry-on baggage. Upon inspection by officers of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the bird eggs were suspected to be endangered species listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and regulated under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) in Hong Kong.

The case has been handed over to the AFCD for follow-up action. Hong Kong Customs reminds the public not to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person importing, exporting or possessing specimens of endangered species not in accordance with the Ordinance commits an offence and will be liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years upon conviction with the specimens forfeited.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form





HAD opens temporary cold shelters

In view of the cold weather, the Home Affairs Department has opened 18 temporary cold shelters in various districts today (March 2) for people in need of the service. The temporary shelters will remain open when the Cold Weather Warning is in force.

Clean mattresses and blankets/quilts, hot meals and hot water will be provided to shelter users free of charge during the opening of temporary shelters.

To ensure that cold shelter users can rest in a quiet and undisturbed environment, members of the public or agencies wishing to make donations to shelter users are requested to register with the staff of the shelter first. Donors will then be directed to place the donated items at a specified indoor location. The staff will help notify the shelter users to collect the items on their own.

Anyone seeking temporary refuge or with any questions about the donation arrangements at the cold shelters may call the department's hotline 2572 8427 for more information.

The 18 temporary cold shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

Central and Western:
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern:

Causeway Bay Community Centre 3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern:

Lei Tung Community Hall Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai:

Wan Chai Activities Centre LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon:

Kowloon City:

Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong:

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre 71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po:

Nam Cheong District Community Centre 1 Cheong San Lane, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin:

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre 45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong:

Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories:

Islands:

Tung Chung Community Hall G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing:

Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre 15 Tai Wo Hau Road, Kwai Chung

North:

Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung:

Hang Hau Community Hall

G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,

38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin:

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po:

Tai Po Community Centre 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan:

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun:

Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long:

Long Ping Community Hall Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

"Green Travel for a Zero Carbon Future" - New Energy Bus Experience Day and Carnival held today (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Environmental Campaign Committee:

Organised by the Environmental Campaign Committee, the Environment and Ecology Bureau and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the "Green Travel for a Zero Carbon Future" — New Energy Bus Experience Day and Carnival was held at CIC-Zero Carbon Park today (March 2), attracting more than 1 000 participants.

The Experience Day and Carnival was funded by the Environment and Conservation Fund with a featured exhibition and activities to promote the safety and sustainability of new energy transport. Participants learned about the role of new energy transport in improving roadside air quality and reducing carbon emissions, and their contribution to achieve carbon neutrality for Hong Kong before 2050. Citybus Limited and Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited respectively arranged for their hydrogen bus and electric bus to offer free rides for the public from designated points to CIC-Zero Carbon Park, enabling them to experience an eco-friendlier and

better-quality journey provided by new energy buses.

Officiating at the opening ceremony, the Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Diane Wong, said that compared with traditional diesel buses, electric buses and hydrogen buses do not generate carbon emissions or air pollutants, thus they are more effective against climate change and improve roadside air quality. Moreover, since they are driven by motors, the new energy buses provide a quieter and cozier environment inside the compartment, delivering a better experience for passengers.

Miss Wong said that transportation is the second largest source of greenhouse gases in Hong Kong. In order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and attain zero vehicular emissions, Hong Kong has been striving to develop new energy transportation.

"The Government has already set a target to introduce about 700 electric buses and around 3 000 electric taxis, as well as increasing the number of parking spaces with charging facilities to about 200 000 by the end of 2027. In the first half of 2024, we will also formulate a citywide green transformation roadmap and timetable for public buses and taxis," she said.

"In terms of hydrogen development, a number of consultancy studies have been completed, including the risk assessment of the use of tunnels for hydrogen vehicles in Hong Kong. The Government has launched a trade consultation on the proposed amendments to the Gas Safety Ordinance (Cap. 51) on February 20 this year, with a view to introducing a bill into the Legislative Council in 2025," added Miss Wong.

"In addition, the Government will announce the Strategy of Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong in the second quarter of this year to provide details on the challenges and direction of hydrogen development in Hong Kong," she said.

"Green Travel for a Zero Carbon Future" — New Energy Bus Experience Day and Carnival is one of the events under Hong Kong Green Week. Organised by the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau in collaboration with different organisers, Hong Kong Green Week promotes the development of green technology and green finance in Hong Kong through a series of activities from February 26 to March 2.









<u>DoJ spokesman's response to media</u> <u>enquiries</u>

In response to media enquiries about the recent resignation of a prosecutor from the Department of Justice (DoJ), a spokesman for the DoJ said today (March 2):

The DoJ has noticed a piece of news circulating on social media about the recent resignation of a DoJ prosecutor, deliberately mentioning that the prosecutor had appeared on a so-called list of "sanctions" made by members of the United States Congress out of intimidation on November 1 last year. The DoJ usually does not comment on movement of individual officers, however, in order to set the record straight, the DoJ would like to point out that the officer concerned had submitted the resignation in September last year (that is, before the release of the above so-called list). The DoJ reiterates that all colleagues will continue to perform their duties without fear and uphold the rule of law in Hong Kong. Foreign politicians' threats of sanctions against DoJ colleagues, which are in violation of the international law, will only make colleagues all the more determined to discharge their obligations and responsibilities in safeguarding national security.