

Transcript of remarks by SFH at media standup

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media standup today (November 5):

Reporter: Regarding the dengue fever case discovered yesterday, because it's locally contracted, are you concerned there will be more cases coming and what will the health department do in this aspect?

Secretary for Food and Health: On dengue fever, we had the first local case (of this year) yesterday. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health has been doing surveillance very quickly around the area where this person lives, which is in Tai Po area. They have been doing surveillance, health talks and some questionnaires. Also, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has conducted very quickly fogging against mosquitoes around the area. The FEHD monitors the mosquito index (ovitrap index for *Aedes albopictus*) in different districts in Hong Kong. So far, the situation is under control and the index is actually low. With this first local case, we will definitely continue to monitor the situation and look into the case. As far as the patient is concerned, he is now stable.

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