Unconscious person in custody dies in hospital

A 47-year-old male person in custody who had been found unconscious in Shek Pik Prison died in a public hospital today (June 28).

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in March 2012. He was admitted to the institution hospital for medical treatment due to physical discomfort. At 1.23am today, he was found unconscious in his bed in a hospital cell by correctional officers. The officers immediately provided first-aid treatment to him and called for reinforcement. A helicopter was called to send him to a public hospital for further treatment. His condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 2.53am.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.