

Police appeal to members of the public to leave Yuen Long District as soon as possible

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Police are aware that in Yuen Long area, some protestors were gathering in Nam Pin Wai, behaving in a disorderly manner. Given that some protestors were holding iron poles, self-made shields and even removing fences from roads, Police are concerned about possible deterioration of the situation. Police appeal to members of the public to stay calm and leave the area as soon as possible as a chaotic scene may ensue within a short period of time.

Correctional officer stop self-harm behavior of person in custody

Correctional officer stopped a female person in custody from committing self-harm behaviour by drinking shampoo in Tai Lam Centre for Women today (July 27).

At 7.57 am, a correctional officer found the 43-year-old person in custody committing self-harm behavior by drinking a small quantity of shampoo in the bathroom. The officer immediately stopped her and sent her to the centre hospital for treatment. Upon receiving treatment from the institution medical officer, she was sent to a public hospital for further examination and treatment.

A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of theft in April 2019.

Closure of Yuen Long Methadone Clinic today

The Department of Health announced that the Yuen Long Methadone Clinic will be closed today (July 27) out of public safety considerations. Those receiving methadone treatments there can receive their daily doses at methadone clinics in Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, or at other [methadone clinics](#).

Details of the two methadone clinics in Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan are as follows:

Tuen Mun Methadone Clinic

Address: 11 Tsing Yin Street, Tuen Mun

Telephone number: 2452 9113

Operating hours: 3pm to 10pm

Lady Trench Methadone Clinic

Address: 213 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan

Telephone number: 2942 6736

Operating hours: 7am to 10pm

Summer Reading Fiesta launched today at HKCL (with photos)

The large-scale family reading programme Summer Reading Fiesta, organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), was launched at the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) today (July 27). The fiesta offers parents and children a variety of fun events and encourages them to read together this summer.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li, said that the Hong Kong Public Libraries' theme this season, "Let Kids Fly in Summer", invites parents and children to engage in different reading activities, share the happiness of reading together and foster good reading habits.

Running until August 18, the Summer Reading Fiesta offers a wide range of activities and more than 180 programmes at the HKCL and district libraries. From today onwards, the Exhibition Gallery of the HKCL will serve as a reading hub, hosting "Storytelling Camp" programmes for children,

parent-child workshops called "Happy Handicraft" as well as cultural performances in areas such as drama, music and magic.

Summer Reading Fiesta activities are free of charge. Seat reservations or admission tickets are required for some programmes. Details can be found in the Summer Reading Fiesta leaflet available at all public libraries and www.hkpl.gov.hk/srf. For enquiries, please call 2921 2660.

In addition, district libraries are organising various interesting events including "Share the Joy of Reading in Kwun Tong", "Sports@Libraries, Sha Tin", the "Tuen Mun District Library Ambassador Programme" and a new series of the "Fun Reading at Your Neighbourhood – Pop-up Library" in the community. Details of the activities are available on the HKPL's website (www.hkpl.gov.hk), "Reading is Joyful" Facebook page (www.facebook.com/readingisjoyful) and Instagram page (www.instagram.com/readingisjoyful).



Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 900 grams of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$500,000 at Hong Kong International Airport on July 24.

Customs officers inspected an air parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Thailand on July 24 and found the batch of suspected ketamine concealed inside five potato chips tube cans and two chocolate spread jars.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (July 26) arrested a 23-year-old man in Yuen Long suspected to be connected with the case. A small amount of suspected ketamine, a batch of packaging paraphernalia and drug inhalation apparatus were further seized at his residence in the district.

The arrested man has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug and one count of possession of apparatus fit and intended for the inhalation of a dangerous drug. He will appear at Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on July 29.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hong Kong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcels or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

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

