

## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected illicit cigarettes (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 11) seized about 1.7 million suspected illicit cigarettes with an estimated market value of about \$4.7 million and a duty potential of about \$3.2 million at Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck declared as carrying assorted goods at Shenzhen Bay Control Point yesterday morning. After inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected illicit cigarettes inside 170 cartons mix-loaded with other goods on the truck.

The 53-year-old male driver was arrested and the truck was detained. Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Members of the public may report any suspected illicit cigarette activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182, or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



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## Tenders invited for government property tenancy

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a tenancy of the government property at Shop No. 2 on the ground floor, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.

The premises should be used for the purposes of a convenience store for the sale of products including but not limited to prepackaged take-away food and beverages (excluding alcoholic beverages), but shall exclude the sale of cigarettes, cigars or other tobacco products; or a take-away food store for the sale of prepackaged take-away food and beverages (excluding alcoholic

beverages) only.

The term of the tenancy would be three years subject to the provisions for renewal for a further term of three years as stipulated in Special Condition No. (45) of the Third Schedule to the Form of Tenancy Agreement.

The tender notice was uploaded today (July 12) to the Agency's website: [www.gpa.gov.hk](http://www.gpa.gov.hk). Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 31/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend the tender briefing should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7654 on or before July 24 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, before noon on August 6 this year. Late tenders will not be accepted.

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## **Hong Kong residents born in 1964 or 1965 should apply for new smart identity cards between July 27 and September 23**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) announced today (July 12) that from July 27 (Saturday) to September 23, 2019 (Monday), Hong Kong residents born in 1964 or 1965 should apply for a new smart identity card in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre (SIDCC). The SIDCCs will be open from Mondays to Saturdays, from 8am to 10pm (except public holidays).

The Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise covers all Hong Kong residents, who should apply for new smart identity cards in person at SIDCCs during their specified periods, whether they are permanent residents or non-permanent residents taking up employment, investment, residence or study in Hong Kong. Employers of foreign domestic helpers should also arrange for their helpers to apply for the new identity cards during the latter's specified periods.

Eligible applicants may make appointment bookings via the Internet ([www.gov.hk/newicbooking](http://www.gov.hk/newicbooking)), the ImmD mobile application or the 24-hour telephone booking hotline 2121 1234. To make an appointment booking via the Internet or to download the mobile application, please scan the attached QR

codes. The ImmD appeals to applicants to pre-fill the application form when making appointment bookings through the Internet or mobile application in order to enjoy faster service. Applicants need to bring along their existing smart identity cards when they proceed to the SIDCCs.

For this replacement exercise, the ImmD is implementing a new caring arrangement under which eligible applicants may bring along up to two family members or friends aged 65 or above to replace their smart identity cards together during the same visit.

For Hong Kong residents born in 1966 or 1967, their specified period for identity card replacement will end on July 26, 2019 (Friday). Those who have not applied for the new identity card should do so as early as possible in order to avoid a last-minute rush. If eligible Hong Kong residents are absent from Hong Kong during their call-up period, they can apply within 30 days of their return to Hong Kong.

For details of the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise, please visit the website [www.smartid.gov.hk](http://www.smartid.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline 2824 6111.

#### Smart Identity Card Replacement Centres

Name	Address
1. Hong Kong Island Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Room 200, 2/F, Shui On Centre, 6–8 Harbour Road, Wan Chai
2. East Kowloon Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Unit 1, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre and Unit 1B, 3/F, Manulife Financial Centre, Tower A, 223–231 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong
3. West Kowloon Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	12/F, Gala Place, 56 Dundas Street, Mong Kok
4. Tsuen Wan Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop S201, 2/F, Smartland, 50 Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan
5. Sha Tin Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop G26, G/F & Shop 123, 1/F, Kings Wing Plaza 1, 3 On Kwan Street, Sha Tin
6. Sheung Shui Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	7/F, Spot, 48 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui
7. Tuen Mun Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop L414B, Level 4, Leung King Plaza, Leung King Estate, 31 Tin King Road, Tuen Mun
8. Yuen Long Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop 50, G/F, Manhattan Plaza, 23 Sai Ching Street, Yuen Long
9. Tseung Kwan O Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop 20-26, G/F, Corinthia By The Sea, 23 Tong Yin Street, Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung

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## Lifesaving services suspended at Golden Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 12) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District have been suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

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## Land and Development Advisory Committee holds meeting

Members of the Land and Development Advisory Committee (LDAC) were briefed by the Civil Engineering and Development Department on the work done and planned by the inter-departmental Climate Change Working Group on Infrastructure (CCWGI), and by the Development Bureau (DEVB) on the development of the Common Spatial Data Infrastructure (CSDI) in Hong Kong in a meeting held in the afternoon on July 11.

Members noted that the CCWGI, formed in June 2016 under the directive of the Steering Committee on Climate Change chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, had been co-ordinating efforts among works departments in combating adverse effects of climate change on government infrastructure. The CCWGI had revised the parameters on sea level, rainfall and wind speed for the design of government infrastructure in the relevant design standards, taking into account the findings of the Fifth Assessment Report published by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2013 and the Paris Agreement in 2015. The CCWGI had already commissioned several consultancy studies, including a strategic study to identify the scope of enhancement works in strengthening the resilience of existing government critical infrastructure, and will soon conduct further studies covering a frequency analysis of extreme sea levels and sensitivity checks on the potential impact on the coastal government critical infrastructure if hit directly by simulated super typhoons. Members welcomed the Government's

timely initiative in commencing the relevant reviews and studies, and agreed that continuous efforts should be made, including conducting more in-depth studies to predict the adverse effects of climate change and exploring the extent to which the findings and follow-up measures might be applied to private developments.

The DEVB aims to roll out the CSDI for public use by the end of 2022, and the 3D digital map will be made available in phases from late 2019 to 2023, subject to funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee for the \$300 million earmarked in the 2019-20 Budget. Members were briefed on the benefits of the CSDI in terms of open and transparent data, and its ability to boost the digital economy, enhance data-driven decision-making in the Government, spur innovation and improve quality of life for the community. They welcomed the CSDI initiative and said they would like the project to be taken forward as quickly as possible and supported the DEVB's application for funding from the Legislative Council. Taking note of the CSDI's initial focus on spatial data owned by the DEVB's family of departments, Members supported the need to diversify data sources to include data that is highly relevant to citizens' daily lives such as data related to welfare services units and real-time public transport information. They also highlighted the need to engage stakeholders in the early stage, to ensure web accessibility and user-friendliness, and to address concerns over data privacy and intellectual property. These views will be taken fully into account by the DEVB as it continues to develop the CSDI.