

# Hong Kong Customs steps up enforcement action against cross-boundary youth drug trafficking between Hong Kong and Macao (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs stepped up enforcement action against youth drug trafficking activities between Hong Kong and Macao during the period from May 27 to yesterday (July 8). A total of three drug trafficking cases were detected at Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal and China Ferry Terminal, with seizures of about 70 grams of different kinds of suspected dangerous drugs. The estimated market value of the seizures is about \$60,000.

The seized suspected dangerous drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine and ketamine, were found concealed inside the underwear or shoes the arrested persons wore, and were packed in small packages ready for distribution.

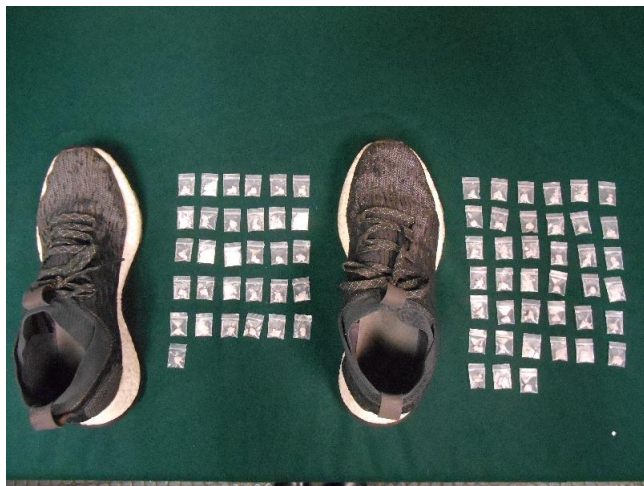
Three men and one woman aged 21 or below were arrested in the above-mentioned cases. The youngest among them was only 15 years old.

As the summer vacation is just around the corner, a Customs spokesman reminded members of the public, in particular the youth, that criminals may post recruitment advertisements on unknown websites and social media platforms to lure students and young people into carrying dangerous drugs or various controlled items. They are reminded to stay alert and not to carry unknown items for other people.

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.

Customs will continue stringent law enforcement at every boundary control point.

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



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## Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Happy Valley tomorrow

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley tomorrow (July 10). The arrangements will come into effect one and a half hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

### A. Traffic arrangements before the commencement of the first race

#### 1. Road closure

Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp outside Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) will be closed except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

#### 2. Traffic diversions

- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the up-ramp outside HKJC will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Vehicles from eastbound Queen's Road East heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left to Morrison Hill Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn right to Wong Nai Chung Road except for vehicles heading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Morrison Hill Road to turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, southbound Morrison Hill Road, Sports Road and Wong Nai

Chung Road.

## B. Traffic arrangements before the conclusion of race meeting

### 1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- The up-ramp on Wong Nai Chung Road outside HKJC leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the Public Stands of HKJC;
- Westbound Leighton Road between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
- Southbound Morrison Hill Road between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

In addition, southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed from about 10 minutes before the start of the last race.

### 2. Traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- Eastbound Queen's Road East at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic on southbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted to turn left to eastbound Leighton Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

## C. Learner drivers prohibition

Learner drivers will be prohibited to turn left from Caroline Hill Road to Leighton Road between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race. In addition, learner drivers will be prohibited from accessing the following roads within the above period of time:

- Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
- Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;

- Canal Road East; and
- The service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.

#### D. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces on southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended from 11am to 7pm during day racing, from 4.30pm to 11.59pm during evening racing, and from 5pm to 11.59pm during night racing.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the above affected areas will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of road closure and traffic diversion will be made by the Police at the time depending on traffic conditions in the areas. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.

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## [Country and Marine Parks Board to meet next Tuesday](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Country and Marine Parks Board:

The Country and Marine Parks Board will meet next Tuesday (July 16) and members of the public are welcome to attend as observers. Major items for discussion include:

- \* Consultancy Study on Enhancement of the Recreation and Education Potential of Country Parks and Special Areas – Recommendations and Way forward; and
- \* Consultancy Study of the Proposed Robin's Nest Country Park – Study Summary and Recommendations.

The meeting will be held in Room 701, 7/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, at 2.30pm.

Members of the public interested in observing the meeting should contact the board secretary at 2150 6697 for seat reservation. Attendance will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## **FEHD orders Yuen Long food factory to suspend business for 10 days**

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a food factory in Yuen Long to suspend business for 10 days as the operator repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally.

The premises, located at Shop 18 on the ground floor of Kuen Yick Building at 18 Chun Yin Square, Yuen Long, was ordered to suspend business from today (July 9) to July 18.

"In August and December last year, two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the shop. A total fine of \$3,500 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in a 14-day business suspension. The licensee of the food premises lodged an appeal to the Licensing Appeals Board, which decided to suspend the licence for 10 days instead," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee of the food premises had a record of two convictions for the same offence in June and August last year. A total fine of \$3,000 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. The breaches led to business suspension for seven days between October and November last year.

The spokesman reminded licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR, or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD's website ([www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html](http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html)).

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## **UK's Gecko to stage physical and visual theatre performance**

"Institute", a physical and visual theatre performance by Gecko from the UK, will be staged in September. The show is a highlight among the various dance and multi-arts programmes of the "Beyond Multi-arts" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

"Institute" is a visually captivating, emotionally driven performance. As people live in a busy world of high-pressure targets and even higher expectations, struggling on the verge of collapse, the performance openly invites its audience to consider what it means to care and be cared for.

Founded in 2001, Gecko is one of the leading physical theatre companies in the UK, creating work through collaboration, experimentation and play. Gecko last performed in Hong Kong in 2015 with the production "Missing", which received positive reviews.

"Institute" by Gecko will be staged at 8pm on September 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday) and at 3pm on September 8 (Sunday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$240 and \$320 are now available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and various discount schemes of the "Beyond Multi-arts" Series, please call 2268 7323 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi\\_arts/programs\\_799.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_799.html).

A pre-show talk, "Decoding Intimacy", will be held at 3pm on August 25 (Sunday) at the Hong Kong Eslite Causeway Bay Store, hosted by the General Manager of the International Association of Theatre Critics (Hong Kong), Bernice Chan. The speakers will be dance and theatre critic William Chan and dance and culture critic and playwright Cally Yu. Admission is free. Limited seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.