

Appeal for information on missing man in Tsim Sha Tsui (with photo)

Police today (July 3) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Xue Kun-teng, aged 35, went missing after he left a hostel on Nathan Road on July 1 night. His family made a report to Police yesterday (July 2).

He is about 1.8 metres tall, 75 kilograms in weight and of fat build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue and white polo shirt, black shorts and brown sandals.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Missing woman in Hung Hom located

A woman who went missing in Hung Hom has been located.

Chan Lai-mui, aged 79, went missing after she left a hostel at Baker Court in the small hours on June 28. Staff of the hostel made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman was located on Bulkeley Street in Hung Hom in the small hours of today (July 3). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

SWD appeals to people in need to seek help

In view of the latest disputes in society which may have caused emotional distress to some members of the public, the Chief Clinical Psychologist of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), Mr Chan Yiu-kee, today (July 3) called on people in need to talk to relatives and friends or seek professional support.

Mr Chan noted that society has recently been filled with a gloomy atmosphere and some people might even feel emotionally disturbed as they perceive that they have no solution. He appealed to people in need to take the initiative to talk to friends or seek help from professionals. "If you have such emotions, it may reflect that what has happened in the community matters to you very much. It will help you to overcome this difficult time if your emotions are understood and accepted by others. And if you want to support others, you have to take care of yourself first. Take a good rest so that you may clear your mind and calm your heart in order to face the situation in a better way," Mr Chan said.

He also encouraged people to show care and concern for those around them, listen to them patiently and try to understand and respect their views, as well as share their worries and support each other. If you notice that your friends are emotionally distressed, you should encourage them to seek professional assistance.

Regarding recent suicidal messages on social media, Mr Chan urged people to cherish their life.

Members of the public are welcome to call the 24-hour hotline of the SWD on 2343 2255 for assistance.

Man fined for managing unlicensed guesthouse

A man was fined \$20,000 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (July 3) for contravening the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance.

The courts heard that in December last year, officers of the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), the Home Affairs Department, when searching

the Internet for intelligence about unlicensed guesthouse activities, identified a suspected unlicensed guesthouse on Prince Edward Road West in Mong Kok. The OLA officers posed as lodgers and successfully rented a room in the guesthouse on a daily basis through an Internet platform.

According to the OLA's records, the guesthouse did not possess a licence under the Ordinance on the day of lodging. The man responsible for managing the premises was charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A department spokesman stressed that operating or managing an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence and will lead to a criminal record. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and two years' imprisonment. Guesthouse licensees may advertise or hold out to provide sleeping accommodation on the Internet. To assist the public and the tourists to identify licensed guesthouses, the licensees should indicate clearly "Licensed guesthouse" in all promotional advertisement materials or advertisements related to the guesthouse.

The spokesman appealed to anyone with information about suspected unlicensed guesthouses to report it to the OLA by the hotline (Tel: 2881 7498), by email (hadlaeng@had.gov.hk), by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from the OLA website (www.hadla.gov.hk), or through the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses".

An exceptionally hot June

With a warmer than normal sea surface temperature and stronger than usual southerly flow in the lower atmosphere over the northern part of the South China Sea, June 2019 was much hotter than usual in Hong Kong. The monthly mean temperature of 29.0 degrees was 1.1 degrees above the normal figure of 27.9 degrees, the joint third highest on record for June. Moreover, the first half of this year was exceptionally warm. The mean temperature, mean minimum temperature and mean maximum temperature from January to June 2019 were 23.0 degrees, 21.3 degrees and 25.4 degrees respectively, all the highest on record for the same period. The monthly rainfall for June 2019 was 429.1 millimetres, about 6 per cent below the normal of 456.1 millimetres. The accumulated rainfall recorded in the first six months of the year was 1 109.4 millimetres, slightly higher than the normal figure of 1 096.9 millimetres for the same period.

Under the influence of a trough of low pressure and an upper-air disturbance, there were heavy showers and squally thunderstorms on the first day of June. More than 30 millimetres of rainfall were recorded in many places, and the rainfall even exceeded 70 millimetres over Sai Kung and Kwun Tong. The upper-air disturbance continued to bring thundery showers to the territory over the next three days. The heavy showers on the morning of June

4 brought more than 90 millimetres of rainfall to Sai Kung District and Eastern District.

With the departure of the upper-air disturbance and strengthening of the anticyclone aloft over the northern part of the South China Sea, the weather in Hong Kong turned generally fine and hot apart from isolated showers from June 5 to 8. With plenty of sunshine, the maximum temperature at the Hong Kong Observatory soared to 33.2 degrees on the afternoon of June 7, the third hottest Tuen Ng Festival on record. As the anticyclone aloft weakened, local weather became more showery on June 9 and 10.

Meanwhile, a trough of low pressure over the northern part of south China edged southwards gradually and lingered over the south China coastal areas from June 11 to 13. Locally, the weather deteriorated again with occasional heavy downpours and squally thunderstorms. More than 160 millimetres of rainfall were recorded at the Hong Kong Observatory in these three days. Under the rain, the temperature at the Hong Kong Observatory dropped to a minimum of 24.6 degrees on June 11, the lowest of the month. With the trough of low pressure moving away from the coastal areas, local weather turned generally fine during the day on June 14. Under the influence of a dry easterly airstream over the coast of Guangdong, the weather in Hong Kong remained generally fine over the next two days. With the weakening of the easterly airstream, it was mainly cloudy with a few showers from June 17 to 19.

With the anticyclone aloft strengthening again over the south China coast, apart from isolated showers, local weather was fine and very hot from June 20 to 23. The daily minimum temperature of 29.5 degrees on June 21 was the highest on record for June. The daily mean temperature of 30.8 degrees that day also made it the hottest summer solstice on record. Under the influence of a trough of low pressure over the south China coast, the weather in Hong Kong became unsettled with outbreaks of heavy showers and thunderstorms from June 24 to 26. Heavy showers brought more than 80 millimetres of rainfall to Tseung Kwan O, Tai Po and parts of Hong Kong Island in these three days. With the weakening of the trough of low pressure and a prevailing southerly airstream, local weather became very hot with a mixture of sunshine and showers towards the end of the month. With plenty of sunshine during the day, the maximum temperature at the Hong Kong Observatory soared to 33.3 degrees on June 29, the highest of the month. The daily minimum temperature of 29.5 degrees was also recorded that day, on a par with that of June 21 as the highest on record for June.

One tropical cyclone occurred over the South China Sea and the western North Pacific in June 2019.

Details of issuance and cancellation of various warnings/signals in June are summarised in Table 1. Monthly meteorological figures and departures from normal for June are tabulated in Table 2.