

Update on cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on patients confirmed to be Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) carriers in a male medical ward, the spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital gave the following update today (June 26):

One more 75-year-old patient in the ward has been confirmed to be a CPE carrier through active screening without clinical symptoms. The patient is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation and adopt the enhanced infection control measures in the ward. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

Fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan on June 20 afternoon in which a 60-year-old woman died.

At about 4.20pm that day, a motorcycle driven by a 28-year-old man was travelling along Shek O Road towards Chai Wan. When approaching near Mount Collinson, it reportedly knocked down the woman who was crossing the road.

Sustaining head injuries, the woman was rushed to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 3am on the following day (June 21).

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3660 6800.

Company director sentenced to community service order for default on Labour Tribunal award

The director of Rich China Industries Holdings Limited was prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for defaulting on the sums awarded by the Labour Tribunal (LT) as required by the Employment Ordinance (EO). The director pleaded guilty earlier at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts and also paid the awarded sums totalling \$3.6 million to six employees. The director was sentenced today (June 26) to 60 hours' community service order.

The company failed to pay six employees the Labour Tribunal awarded sums of about \$3.6 million in total within 14 days after the dates set out by the terms of the LT awards in accordance with the EO. The director concerned was prosecuted and convicted for his consent, connivance or neglect in the above offences.

"The ruling helps disseminate a strong message to all directors and responsible officers of bodies corporate that they have personal liability to ensure payment of the awarded sums according to the terms of the awards of the LT or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board. The LD will not tolerate these offences and will continue to make dedicated efforts in enforcing the EO and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," a LD spokesman said.

Inauguration of Hong Kong Academy of Finance cum Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Academy of Finance (AoF) was formally established today (June 26). The Inauguration Ceremony was officiated by the Financial Secretary and the Honorary President of the AoF, Mr Paul Chan, and the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Chairman of the AoF Mr Norman Chan.

The Inauguration Ceremony was immediately followed by the first

Fellowship Conferment of the Academy. The AoF conferred Fellowship on 10 distinguished leaders in the field of finance who have made outstanding contributions to Hong Kong. More information about AoF's Fellowship and the 10 Fellows can be found in the attachment and the AoF's official website (aof.org.hk/about-aof/fellows).

The mission of the AoF is to serve as a centre of excellence for developing financial leadership and a repository of knowledge in monetary and financial research, including applied research. On the leadership development front, the AoF will develop and run a Leadership Development Programme for senior management and promising talents from financial institutions, regulators, professional firms and academia in the field of finance. The AoF will invite top financial leaders from around the world to speak and share their insights through seminar series, workshops and small group discussions. On the research front, the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research (HKIMR), as a subsidiary of the AoF, has expanded its scope of work to cover Applied Finance Research and Thought Leadership in addition to its work in Monetary and Financial Economic Research.

In his opening remarks at the Inauguration Ceremony, Mr Paul Chan said, "The Academy is a smart complement to a host of other financial initiatives, all designed to consolidate our strengths and create new competitive advantages for the economy, and the future of Hong Kong."

In his welcome remarks at the Inauguration Ceremony, Mr Norman Chan said, "I strongly believe that the most crucial factor that differentiates an international financial centre (IFC) from the other aspiring financial centres is its superior 'soft infrastructure' or 'soft power'. The quality and professionalism of the people in the financial services industry are the building blocks for the 'soft infrastructure' that determines the competitiveness of an IFC. The establishment of the AoF will help enhance the 'soft power' of Hong Kong as an IFC."

In her message to the Inauguration of the AoF, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Ms Christine Lagarde, said, "By fostering transformative thinking and systemic awareness, the new Academy can help ensure that Hong Kong SAR's financial system will come out even taller and stronger. This, in turn, will be a vital contribution to sustainable and inclusive growth here in Hong Kong SAR and across the Asia Pacific region."

More information about the AoF's work can be found on the AoF's official website (www.aof.org.hk).

CHP investigates influenza B outbreak

at primary school in Yau Ma Tei

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (June 26) investigating an influenza B outbreak at a primary school in Yau Ma Tei, and reminded members of the public who have not yet received seasonal influenza vaccination in the 2018-19 season that they can still receive it for personal protection against seasonal influenza.

The outbreak involves 13 boys and 11 girls aged 6 to 8 who developed fever, cough and sore throat since June 15. Among them, 21 sought medical attention. One required hospitalisation and has been discharged upon treatment. All are in a stable condition. The respiratory specimens of four children tested positive for influenza B upon laboratory testing.

Officers of the CHP have conducted a site visit and advised the school to adopt infection control measures against respiratory tract infections. The school has been placed under medical surveillance.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "To prevent outbreaks of influenza and other respiratory infections, it is of prime importance that students with fever, regardless of the presence of respiratory symptoms, should not be allowed to attend school. They should seek medical advice and avoid school till 48 hours after the fever has subsided. Schools should also measure and record students' body temperature properly."

Schools are reminded to follow the [Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases](#) on preventive and control measures as well as management of outbreaks, which should be reported to the CHP for prompt follow-up.

"The latest surveillance data showed that the local seasonal influenza activity in the past few weeks was higher than that in early May. Members of the public aged 6 months or above (except those with known contraindications) who have not yet received seasonal influenza vaccination in the 2018-19 season can still receive it for personal protection against seasonal influenza," the spokesman said.

"Meanwhile, the public should continue to adopt strict personal, hand and environmental hygiene practices against respiratory illnesses and other infectious diseases," the spokesman added.

The public may visit the CHP's [influenza page](#) and weekly [Flu Express](#) for more information.