

Territory-wide anti-drug programme launched to combat drugs (with photos)

The Chairman of the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN), Dr Ben Cheung, today (June 22) officiated at the opening ceremony of the large-scale anti-drug event Fight Drugs Together 2019, launching this year's territory-wide anti-drug programme.

In support of the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, the Narcotics Division (ND) and the ACAN in co-ordination with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) jointly held the event at MacPherson Stadium in Mong Kok today to promote concerted community efforts against drugs.

More than 1 000 guests and young people attended the event, including students, members and partners of Junior Police Call, uniformed groups, non-governmental organisations from the anti-drug sector, district bodies, Senior Police Call, social services groups and the education sector. They all pledged to stand firm against drugs and convey anti-drug messages to their friends.

Speaking at the event, Dr Cheung said that according to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse's figures, the total number of reported drug abusers recorded a continuous decrease of over 50 per cent, from the peak of around 14 200 in 2008 to about 6 600 in 2018, and the number of reported young drug abusers aged under 21 registered a more notable decline of over 80 per cent, from around 3 500 to about 470. However, the number of reported cannabis abusers showed an increasing trend in the past two years, especially among youths. He reminded young people to refrain from following the influence of peers and incorrect information, and not to try cannabis in the mistaken belief that it could be harmless. He pointed out that cannabis is an addictive drug and can cause irreversible damage to abusers' cognitive functions and health.

To encourage young people to participate in healthy activities, various student and youth groups performed in the event to showcase their spirit and talents. Their performances included marching, combinations of kung fu and other types of martial arts, freestyle basketball and a street workout. Artiste Kara Wai; badminton player Angus Ng; singers Mag Lam, Kenny Chan and Alfred Hui; singing group Sugar Club; and basketball freestyler Eddie Lui also attended the event to call on young people to develop positive lifestyles and hobbies, and stay away from drugs.

Before the event ended, Dr Cheung and other guests led all participants to chant an anti-drug slogan to show their determination to fight drugs.

Today's event marked the official launch of a new round of the territory-wide anti-drug programme. A series of anti-drug activities arranged in collaboration with RTHK, other media organisations and anti-drug bodies

will commence in the summer holidays. Anti-drug advertisements will be placed on public transportation networks, in entertainment venues and on popular websites, mobile applications and social media platforms. In addition, the ND will collaborate with popular YouTubers again to introduce a short video on social media platforms, in a bid to disseminate information about the harms of cannabis abuse through a story that can appeal to young people.

Other officiating guests at today's event included the Chairman of the ACAN Sub-committee on Preventive Education and Publicity, Mr Chan Wing-kin; the Chairman of the ACAN Sub-committee on Treatment and Rehabilitation, Professor Cheung Yuet-wah; the Director of Broadcasting, Mr Leung Ka-wing; and the Commissioner for Narcotics, Ms Manda Chan.





Suspected MERS case reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (June 22) reported a suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and again urged the public to pay special attention to safety during travel, taking due consideration of the health risks in the places they visit. The case is detailed below:

Sex	Male
Age	37
Affected area involved	Israel
High-risk exposure	Nil
Hospital	United Christian Hospital
Condition	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Negative

"Travellers to the Middle East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels; avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry; and avoid unnecessary visits to healthcare facilities. We strongly advise travel agents organising tours to the Middle East to abstain from arranging camel rides and activities involving direct contact with camels, which are known risk factors for acquiring MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Locally, the CHP's surveillance with public and private hospitals, with practising doctors and at boundary control points is firmly in place. Inbound travellers and members of the public who recently visited the Middle East and developed fever or lower respiratory symptoms within 14 days will be

classified as suspected MERS cases. They will be taken to public hospitals for isolation and management until their specimens test negative for MERS-CoV.

Travellers to affected areas should maintain vigilance, adopt appropriate health precautions and take heed of personal, food and environmental hygiene. The public may visit the MERS pages of the [CHP](#) and its [Travel Health Service](#), MERS statistics in [affected areas](#), the CHP's [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the World Health Organization's [latest news](#) for more information and health advice. Tour leaders and tour guides operating overseas tours are advised to refer to the CHP's [health advice on MERS](#).

HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 19 temporary night heat shelters tonight (June 22) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 19 night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western –
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –
Lei Tung Community Hall
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –
Wan Chai Activities Centre
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –

Hung Hom Community Hall

1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices

42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre

71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –

Shek Kip Mei Community Hall

G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate

Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre

45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –

Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre

60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands –

Tung Chung Community Hall

G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building,

39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –

Kwai Shing Community Hall

Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –

Cheung Wah Community Hall

Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –

Hang Hau Community Hall

G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,

38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre

Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –

Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –
Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –
Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –
Tin Yiu Community Centre
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

FEHD orders light refreshment restaurant in Yuen Long to suspend business for 14 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a light refreshment restaurant in Yuen Long to suspend business for 14 days as the operator repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally.

The restaurant, located at Shop No. 11 on the ground floor of Kam Fai Building at 1-31 Kam Fai Path, Yuen Long, was ordered to suspend business from today (June 22) to July 5.

"In February and April this year, two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant. A total fine of \$6,000 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 the 14-day licence suspension," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee of the restaurant had a record of two convictions for the same offence in May and June last year. A total fine of \$5,500 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. The breaches led to licence suspension for seven days in August 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).

Award presentation for Water Safety Campaign 2019 competitions held (with photos)

The winners of a Chinese slogan competition and a poster design competition for primary and secondary school students under the Water Safety Campaign 2019 received awards at a ceremony today (June 22). The competitions were organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Hong Kong Life Saving Society (HKLSS), which jointly hold annual activities to enhance public awareness of water safety.

More than 2 000 students participated in the two competitions this year. The entries were impressive and showed the students' creativity and artistic skills. The entries by the champion of the primary school section in the Chinese slogan competition and that of the secondary school section in the poster design competition were chosen for this year's campaign poster.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services), Mrs Doris Fok, said swimming is one of the most popular leisure activities in Hong Kong. There were more than 26 million visits to the public beaches and swimming pools managed by the LCSD last year.

Noting that there have been reports of drownings at local beaches despite red flags warning swimmers about the rough sea, Mrs Fok said the theme of the two competitions aimed to urge swimmers not to enter the water when red flags are hoisted at public beaches due to typhoons or inclement weather. For safety's sake, people should stop aquatic activities and stay away from the seashore when red flags are hoisted, she added.

The winning entries from the two competitions are on display at the Kowloon Park Arcade until 5pm on July 4. They can also be viewed on the LCSD webpages at www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/swimhandbook/poster/index.html (poster design competition) and www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/swimhandbook/slogan/index.html (Chinese slogan competition).

The Water Safety Campaign 2019 ceremony held at the Kowloon Park Arcade was jointly organised by the LCSD and the HKLSS. Game stalls promoting water safety were set up at the entrance lobby of Kowloon Park Swimming Pool's spectator stand for public participation.

