<u>Meetings of Legislative Council and</u> its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council ("LegCo") and its Committees will hold 15 open meetings and two closed meetings during the week from June 10 to 14 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meetings are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the LegCo Calendar on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo and its Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the webcast system on the LegCo Website.

One more nomination for Yuen Long District Council by-election received

One more nomination for the San Tin Constituency was received by the Returning Officer for the by-election of the Yuen Long District Council today (June 6). No nomination was received today for the Shap Pat Heung West Constituency.

Particulars of the nominees are available on the Electoral Affairs Commission website (www.eac.hk/en/distco/2019yld candidates.htm).

The nomination period will run until June 10. If the number of validly nominated candidates for a constituency is more than one at the by-election, a poll will be held on July 14, 2019 (Sunday) for the by-election for that constituency.

Update on number of dengue fever cases

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (June 6) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

From May 24 to June 5, the CHP recorded three imported DF cases. The patients had been to Cambodia (one case), Singapore (one case) and Thailand (one case) during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (June 5), 54 cases had been confirmed this year, all of which were imported. The cases were mainly imported from Malaysia (11), Thailand (11) and Indonesia (10).

DF remains endemic in some areas of Asia and beyond. The latest figures for 2019 reveal that 26 430 cases had been recorded in Thailand, 4 463 in Singapore (since December 30, 2018) and 124 in Japan. In Taiwan, 16 local cases have been recorded in 2019.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing loose, light-coloured, long-sleeved tops and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or exposed parts of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from general measures, travellers returning from areas affected by DF and Zika virus infection should apply insect repellent for 14 days or at least 21 days respectively upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;

- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged two months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public may refer to the CHP's <u>tips for using insect repellents</u> for details.

<u>Tender amounts submitted for site in</u> Kai Tak

The Lands Department announced today (June 6) that in respect of the tender for the site New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6552 at Kai Tak Area 4C Site 2, Kai Tak, Kowloon, which was awarded on May 7 to the successful tenderer, Marble Edge Investments Limited (parent company: China Overseas Land & Investment Limited, Chime Corporation Limited, Empire Development Hong Kong (BVI) Limited, Henderson Land Development Company Limited, New World Development Company Limited and Wheelock Properties Limited), on a 50-year land grant at a premium of \$12,590,000,000, the tender amounts submitted by the unsuccessful tenderers in descending order are published on an anonymous basis as follows:

- (1) \$11,869,999,000
- (2) \$11,806,400,000
- (3) \$11,469,213,286
- (4) \$10,581,000,000
- (5) \$10,100,000,000
- (6) \$8,100,000,000

The information disclosed in this press release is for information only.

Update on cluster of Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 cases in Siu Lam Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 in a male ward for severe intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following update today (June 6):

One more 67-year-old patient in the ward had presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patient and the test results were positive for Parainfluenza Virus Type 3. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and is in a stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.