

Constitution and Basic Law Parent-child Workshop to be held this Saturday and Sunday

The Constitution and Basic Law Parent-child Workshop organised by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau will be held this Saturday and Sunday (June 8 and 9) in the 1/F main atrium of tmtplaza, 1 Tuen Shun Street, Tuen Mun.

In addition to colourful exhibition panels, interesting handicraft workshops and interactive story-telling sessions will be available for children to gain a better understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law.

The workshops and story-telling sessions will be conducted in Cantonese and will take place from 11am to 7pm. Children aged 6 to 12 and their parents are welcome. While admission is free, seats are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For event details, please visit www.basiclawevent.com.

LCQ7: Manpower of and training for doctors

Following is a question by the Hon Chan Han-pan and a written reply by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, in the Legislative Council today (June 5):

Question:

Regarding the manpower of and training for doctors in Hong Kong, will the Government inform this Council:

(1) whether it knows the staffing establishment and strength of doctors under the Hospital Authority (HA) as at the end of March this year, and set out in the table below a breakdown by (i) hospital cluster, (ii) specialty/department and (iii) rank (Consultant/Associate Consultant/Specialist Resident/Non-specialist Resident);

Hospital cluster	Specialty/ department	Rank	Staffing establishment of doctors	Strength of doctors

(2) whether it knows the following information on doctors under HA in each of the past three financial years:

(i) the number and rate of wastage, with a breakdown by cause of wastage (e.g. retirement, resignation, transfer, dismissal and death),

(ii) the average number of years for which they had served in their respective ranks at the time when they left the service,

(iii) the number of new recruits and

(iv) the net growth rate,

and set out in the table below the information by hospital cluster, specialty/department and rank;

Financial year: _____						
Hospital cluster	Specialty/ department	Rank	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)

(3) of the staffing establishment and strength of doctors under the Department of Health (DH) as at the end of March this year, and set out in the table below a breakdown by specialty/department;

Specialty/department	Staffing establishment of doctors	Strength of doctors

(4) of the following information on doctors under DH in each of the past three financial years:

(i) the number of wastage, with a breakdown by cause of wastage,

(ii) the wastage rate,

(iii) the number of new recruits and

(iv) the net growth rate,

and set out in the table below a breakdown by specialty/department;

Financial year: _____				
Specialty/department	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)

(5) whether it knows the number of applicants for the specialist training programmes offered by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) in each of the past three financial years and, among them, the number and percentage of those who were admitted to the programmes, and set out in the table below a breakdown by college;

Financial year: _____			
College	Number of applicants	Number of persons admitted	Admission percentage

(6) whether it knows the number of specialist training places HKAM plans to provide in each of the coming three financial years, and set out in the table below a breakdown by college;

College	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022

(7) of the respective attendances of the various specialties/departments under DH in the past three financial years;

(8) among the doctors under (i) DH and (ii) HA, of the respective numbers and percentages of those in the past three financial years who provided primary healthcare services; the details of such services, including their respective attendances, service targets, and attainment rates of such service targets; and

(9) of the respective numbers of doctors of DH and HA who will provide primary healthcare services, and the number of doctors who will provide such services at the District Health Centres, in the coming three financial years; the details of such services, including their respective attendances and the percentages of such numbers in the total service demand in Hong Kong?

Reply:

President,

My reply to the question raised by the Hon Chan Han-pan is as follows:

(1) The manpower figures of doctors by specialty and by rank in each hospital cluster of the Hospital Authority (HA) as at the end of March 2019 are set out in Annex 1.

(2) The attrition figures and attrition rates of full-time doctors, their years of service when they left the service, the intake figures of doctors, as well as the manpower figures and net growth rates of doctors, by specialty and by rank in each hospital cluster of the HA in the past three financial years are set out in Annexes 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

(3) The number of doctors in the Department of Health (DH) by specialty/department as at April 1, 2019 is set out in Annex 6.

(4) In the past three financial years, there were 21 to 25 staff members of the medical grade left the DH each year. The wastage rate was between 4% and 6%. A total of 69 doctors were newly recruited, and the net growth rate was zero.

(5) and (6) At present, specialist training of local doctors is mainly provided by the HA. The numbers of Resident Trainees recruited by the HA for specialties in the past three years and in 2019-20 are tabulated in Annex 7.

(7) The attendances of the main out-patient services provided by the DH for the public in the past three years are set out in Annex 8.

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(i) Regarding the DH's main primary out-patient services provided for the public, the numbers of doctors involved, the service targets and the attainment rates of such service targets in the past three years are set out in Annex 9.

Furthermore, other divisions of the DH have also been implementing projects and initiatives to enhance primary healthcare services in Hong Kong. These measures include health promotion, health education, prevention of non-communicable diseases, and the implementation of the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme, the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme and the Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Programme, etc. A breakdown of the number of doctors by type of service is not available.

(ii) The HA's primary healthcare services are provided by the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care (FM&PHC) of each hospital cluster through general out-patient clinics (GOPCs), Family Medicine specialist clinics and clinics for HA staff. Most of the doctors in the Department of FM&PHC provide consultation service at GOPCs.

The numbers of doctors in the Department of FM&PHC and their percentages in the total numbers of doctors in the HA in the past three years are set out in Annex 10.

GOPCs of the HA are committed to providing community-based primary healthcare services. These services are primarily used by the elderly, low-income groups and chronically ill patients. The numbers of attendances of these GOPCs in the past five years are set out in Annex 11.

The estimated annual service capacity of GOPCs of the HA is subject to confirmation by the Government. Hospital clusters and clinics will plan for their annual service capacities with regard to the output indicators set for the year. The service outputs met the output indicators in the past five years.

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(i) Projected changes in the staffing establishment of doctors for the DH's main primary out-patient services provided for the public in the coming three years are set out in Annex 12.

(ii) To meet the demand for GOPC services in the community, the HA seeks resources every year to enhance the general out-patient services through formulating its annual plan. The HA will increase the quota for GOPCs in its five clusters, namely Kowloon Central Cluster, Kowloon East Cluster, Kowloon West Cluster, New Territories East Cluster and New Territories West Cluster, by 44 000 in 2019-20 and further to 99 000 from 2020-21 onwards. In the coming few years, the HA will continue to actively recruit staff according to the actual operation and service demand, with a view to further enhancing the service capacity of its GOPCs when manpower and other resources allow.

(iii) District health centres will be set up mainly for the purposes of providing preventive primary healthcare services, promoting early identification of health problems among targeted groups, enhancing patients' ability in self-management of health, and working in collaboration with primary healthcare services and facilities in the communities, so as to better meet individuals' health needs at the district level. These centres will provide health assessment and screening services for chronic diseases through engaging private doctors in the district-based network instead of employing their own doctors.

[Appeal for information on missing woman in Tuen Mun \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (June 5) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Tuen Mun.

Chan Fung-ying, aged 57, was last seen in a shopping centre on Tuen Lee Street, Tuen Mun on April 26 morning. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (June 4).

She is about 1.6 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and long straight black hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen

her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories North on 3661 3115 or 6273 5787 or email to rmpu-ntn-1@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



[CHP reminds public on precautions against heat stroke during very hot weather](#)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (June 5) reminded members of the public, particularly those undertaking outdoor activities, to take heed of necessary measures against heat stroke and sunburn in very hot weather.

"The public should carry and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration while engaging in outdoor activities," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"Those engaged in strenuous outdoor activities should avoid beverages containing caffeine, such as coffee and tea, as well as alcohol, as they speed up water loss through the urinary system," the spokesman explained.

"The obese, the sick, including those with heart disease or high blood pressure, the old and the young are more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses. They should pay special attention," the spokesman added.

The public should adopt the following precautions:

- Wear loose and light-coloured clothing to reduce heat absorption and facilitate sweat evaporation and heat dissipation;
- Avoid vigorous exercise and prolonged activities like hiking or trekking as heat, sweating and exhaustion place additional demands on the physique;
- Perform outdoor activities in the morning or late afternoon;
- For indoor activities, open all windows, use a fan or use air-conditioning to maintain good ventilation; and
- Reschedule work to cooler times of the day.

If working in a hot environment is inevitable, introduce shade in the workplace where practicable, and start work slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Get into a cool area for rest at regular intervals to allow the body to recuperate.

The public should also note the latest and the forecast Ultraviolet (UV) Index released by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). When the UV Index remains high (6 or above):

- Minimise direct exposure of the skin and the eyes to sunlight;
- Wear loose long-sleeved clothing made of close-woven fabrics;
- Wear a wide brim hat or use an umbrella;
- Seek a shaded area or put on UV-blocking sunglasses;
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen lotion with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or above. Apply liberally and reapply after swimming or sweating; and
- While using DEET-containing insect repellents for personal protection against mosquito-borne diseases, apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent.

If symptoms develop, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, shortness of breath or confusion, rest and seek help immediately, and seek medical advice as soon as possible.

The public may get more information from the DH's Health Education Hotline (2833 0111), [heat stroke](#) page and [UV radiation](#) page; the HKO's Dial-a-Weather (1878 200), latest [weather and forecast](#), [UV Index](#) and weather information for [hiking and mountaineering](#); and [press releases](#) of the Labour Department on precautions against heat stroke for outdoor workers and their employers when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force.

[Assess the risk of heat stroke to](#)

employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should inform their supervisors and seek medical help immediately.