

Update on measles cases

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) said today (May 6) that no additional case of measles infection had been recorded as at 4pm today.

Regarding measles control measures implemented at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), a total of four persons had received measles vaccination at the airport vaccination station as at 6pm today, bringing the cumulative number of vaccinations given to 8 358.

From tomorrow (May 7) to May 17 (excluding Sundays and public holidays), measles vaccination will be provided to airport staff who:

- (1) Were born in or after 1967, and have not received two doses of measles vaccination, and have not been infected with measles before; or
- (2) Have laboratory evidence of testing not positive against measles antibody (IgG).

The vaccination quota for the measles vaccination station at the airport remains at 600 doses daily. The venue and operation hours of the airport vaccination station are as follows:

Venue:	Multi-function Room, HKIA Tower (Level 5, Terminal 2)
Hours:	May 7 to 17 (excluding Sundays and public holidays) 10am to 1pm 2pm to 6pm

As for the blood test service, the DH will continue to provide the measles serology test service to about 200 airport staff who were born in or after 1967 tomorrow. The pilot service at the blood test station to provide measles serology testing for a total of about 200 Filipino foreign domestic helpers who are coming to or returning to work in Hong Kong will also be continued tomorrow.

The venue and operation hours of the airport blood test station are as follows:

Venue:	South side before the Immigration Hall at Level 3 of Terminal 2 (non-restricted area)
Hours:	May 7 9am to 1pm

Cancellation of LegCo subcommittee meeting

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

The first meeting of the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Entertainment Special Effects (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 originally scheduled for tomorrow (May 7) at 8.30am has been cancelled.

Financial Leaders Forum convenes eighth meeting

The Financial Leaders Forum (FLF), chaired by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, held its eighth meeting today (May 6).

Members were first briefed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited on the strategy to strengthen Hong Kong's position as the preferred listing venue for international enterprises. Members agreed that Hong Kong has full potential to attract more listings by international enterprises and to capture the opportunities thereof, with a view to developing Hong Kong into an even broader and deeper fundraising platform.

Members were also briefed by the Financial Services Development Council on the comparative advantages of Hong Kong as an international financial centre in Asia. Members opined that the Government, financial regulators and the financial services industry should continue to step up concerted efforts to advance Hong Kong's diverse developments and competitiveness, leveraging on its unique position as an international financial centre with close connections with the Mainland.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected

illegally imported Chinese soft-shelled turtles and red-eared sliders (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 5) seized 216 suspected illegally imported Chinese soft-shelled turtles and 75 red-eared sliders with an estimated market value of about \$30,000 at Lok Ma Chau Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming private car at Lok Ma Chau Control Point yesterday evening and seized the batch of smuggled Chinese soft-shelled turtles and red-eared sliders from the vehicle compartment. The 54-year-old male driver was arrested.

The batch of suspected illegally imported Chinese soft-shelled turtles and red-eared sliders were handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up. Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Chemical Residues) Regulation, any person found guilty of importing food animals without a valid certificate is liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to the Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).





SDEV begins visit to Beijing (with photos)

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, started his visit programme in Beijing today (May 6), meeting with officials of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Water Resources to foster closer ties and exchanges with the Mainland authorities.

In the morning, Mr Wong first met with the Director of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, Mr Zhao Gang, to discuss Hong Kong's participation in the Mainland's foreign aid construction projects.

He then had a meeting with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Mr Ni Hong, to discuss matters relating to mutual recognition of professional qualifications under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), Hong Kong's participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as the preparation of next year's Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum.

In the afternoon, Mr Wong met with the Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Mr Wang Qian. They exchanged views on promoting mutual recognition of professional qualifications for planners, and sought to enhance exchanges between professionals of the two places.

Mr Wong also met with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Water Resources, Mr Jiang Xuguang, to exchange views on water resources management, allocation of Dongjiang river basin water resources, Dongjiang water supply agreements and flood prevention work.

Accompanying Mr Wong on the visit are the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Lam Sai-hung, and the Deputy Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Francis Chau.

Mr Wong will call on the Ministry of Commerce and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council tomorrow. He will return to Hong Kong tomorrow night.

