

Public forums on proposals for enhancing animal welfare

The Government, through amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169), proposes to extend the existing legislation which prohibits and penalises acts of cruelty to animals to include taking positive actions on looking after animals well. A three-month public consultation has been launched. To gauge the views of members of the public, the Government will hold four public forums.

Details of the four public consultation forums are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary Language
May 10 (Fri)	3pm – 5pm	Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum	Cantonese
May 20 (Mon)	10am – noon	Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Central Library	Cantonese
May 23 (Thu)	3pm – 5pm	Cultural Activities Hall, Tsuen Wan Town Hall	English
June 5 (Wed)	3pm – 5pm	Cultural Activities Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall	Cantonese

Members of the public are welcome to register to attend. The registration arrangements have already been posted on Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's dedicated website on the public consultation (www.pets.gov.hk/english/animal_health_and_welfare/Proposals_to_Enhance_Animal_Welfare.html).

People who would like to attend the consultation forums should register via the dedicated website for seat reservation. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For enquiries, please call 2127 4890 during office hours.

Apart from the public consultation forums, views on the consultation paper could be delivered by post to the Office of the Animal Management (Development) Division, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, 5/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Hong Kong, by fax to 3110 1336, or by email to cap169_amendment@afcd.gov.hk on or before July 31 this year.

The Consultation paper can be downloaded from the dedicated website, the Food and Health Bureau's website (www.fhb.gov.hk) and the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/residents/government/publication/consultation/current.htm).

Missing woman in Hung Hom located

A woman who went missing in Hung Hom was located.

Chan Yuen-ching, aged 23, went missing after she was last seen at a church on Ma Tau Wai Road on April 27 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman returned to her home on April 30 night. She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Missing man in Sha Tin located

A man who went missing in Sha Tin has been located.

Kwan Chak-hung, aged 27, went missing after he left his residence on Chui Yan Street on April 27 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located in Argyle Street in Mong Kok in the small hours yesterday (May 1). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 2) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Turtle Cove Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District,

Hong Kong Island; and at Silverstrand Beach, Clear Water Bay First Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the service demand surge, the Hospital Authority (HA) is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

In addition, the weekly bulletin "Surge in Brief" (appended) will be issued every Thursday to illustrate the past month's trends of key service statistics in public hospitals. "Surge in Brief" can be accessed in the HA Winter Surge designated webpage (www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en).