

Government to sell site in Kai Tak by public tender

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (April 26) that a site, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6553 at Kai Tak Area 4C Site 1, Kai Tak, Kowloon, in the 2019-20 Land Sale Programme will be disposed of by public tender. The tender invitation for the lot will commence on May 3 and close on June 14.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6553 has a site area of about 9 481 square metres and is designated for non-industrial (excluding office, godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes. The minimum gross floor area is 39 821 square metres and the maximum gross floor area that may be attained is 66 367 square metres.

Land sale documents including the Form of Tender, the Tender Notice, the Conditions of Sale and the sale plan of the lot will be available for downloading from the LandsD website (www.landsd.gov.hk), and the sale plan will be available for distribution and inspection by the public from May 3, when the particulars of the tender will also be gazetted.

CFS finds trace amount of antibiotic in honey sample

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (April 26) announced that a sample of bottled honey was detected to contain a trace amount of metronidazole, an antibiotic. The CFS is following up on the case.

Details of the product are as follows:

Product: Mixed Flower Honey
Distributor: Po Sang Yuen Bee Farm (HK) Ltd
Net weight: 1,000 grams per bottle
Best-before date: December 30, 2020

"The CFS collected the above-mentioned honey sample from an online shop for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained metronidazole at a level of 1.4 parts per billion. The CFS has notified the vendor concerned of the test result and instructed it to stop selling the affected batch of the product. The Centre is tracing the source and distribution of the food in question," a CFS spokesman said.

"According to the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), residues of metronidazole or its metabolites may cause significant health concerns, and competent authorities should prevent residues of metronidazole in food," he added.

According to section 52 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, any person who sells to a purchaser any food which is not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser shall be guilty of an offence. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for three months upon conviction.

The CFS will alert the trade, continue to follow up on the case and take appropriate action. Investigation is ongoing.

Update on measles cases

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) said today (April 26) that no additional case of measles infection has been recorded as at 4pm today.

Regarding measles control measures implemented at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), a total of 12 persons received measles vaccination at the airport vaccination station as at 6pm today, bringing the cumulative number of vaccinations given to 8 296.

For tomorrow (April 27) and Sunday (April 28), the vaccination quota for the measles vaccination station at the airport remains at 500 doses daily. Vaccination for eligible airport staff will be provided to the following target groups 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, and with evidence of living with infants under 1 year old or living with pregnant women; or
- (2) Have laboratory evidence of testing not positive against measles antibody (IgG)

Details of evidence are as follows:

- (a) Supporting documents for living with infants under 1 year old: for example, birth certificate, discharge summary or vaccination card of the infant
- (b) Supporting documents for living with pregnant women: for example,

positive pregnancy tests or antenatal follow-up cards of the pregnant women

(c) Supporting documents for laboratory evidence: for example, blood results from the DH's measles serology test or any laboratory within the past 12 months

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

Venue: Multi-function Room, HKIA Tower (Level 5, Terminal 2)
April 27 and 28
Hours: 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 daily on April 30 and May 2 and 7.

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: April 30 and May 2 and 7
9am to 1pm

A pilot service at the blood test station during the same designated dates and times to provide measles serology testing for a total of about 200 Filipino foreign domestic helpers who are coming or returning to work in Hong Kong will also be carried out.

A hotline (2125 1122) has been set up for public enquiries and operates during office hours from Mondays to Fridays. A total of 3 281 enquiries have been received so far.

[STH visits Yuen Long](#)

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, visited Yuen Long this afternoon (April 26) to keep abreast of the latest developments in the district.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Yuen Long), Mr Enoch Yuen, Mr Chan first met with the Chairman of the Yuen Long District Council (YLDC), Mr Shum Ho-kit, and members of the YLDC to exchange views on local transport and

housing issues.

Mr Chan then visited the Yuen Long Town Hall Support Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities to learn about the various support services and activities offered to help the ethnic minorities integrate into the community.

Government statement on FHB's meeting with major stakeholders of medical groups

Regarding the Food and Health Bureau's meeting with major stakeholders of medical groups held yesterday (April 25), a spokesman for the Government said today (April 26), "The relevant proposal for relaxing the internship requirement for non-locally trained doctors was discussed at the meeting. Attendees agreed in principle that the internship requirement for non-locally trained doctors who have passed the Licensing Examination (LE) and worked in the public healthcare system under limited registration for a certain period could be relaxed.

"At the meeting, the representative from the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA) proposed the latest option which suggests exempting non-locally trained doctors, who work either in the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health or the Faculty of Medicine of the two universities, from internship if they have engaged in clinical work for 18 months upon passing the LE. The attendees welcomed the latest option to standardise the period of required internship to be exempted in various public health authorities. However, some attendees had reservations over excluding services other than clinical work in public hospitals (e.g. services in the Department of Health as well as teaching and scientific research work in the Faculty of Medicine of the two universities) from the definition of 'clinical work'. Meanwhile, the attendees also held different views on the method of calculating the duration of clinical work. Some also indicated that they need to better understand the details of the option for further discussion and consideration. Consensus on the relevant details had not been reached yet at yesterday's meeting.

"The Government hopes that the medical sector will continue to discuss different options in a rational way and that the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) will come up with a positive decision with no discrimination for relaxation of internship requirements at its meeting to be held next month," the spokesman stressed.

The stakeholders attending yesterday's meeting included representatives from the MCHK, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the HKMA, the Faculty of

Medicine of the two universities, the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority.