

## Temporary closure of Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (March 22) that due to urgent maintenance works, Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool in Kowloon City District has been temporarily closed until further notice.

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## Missing woman in Tseung Kwan O located

A woman who went missing in Tseung Kwan O has been located.

Ho Kit-ching, aged 64, went missing after she left her residence on Chiu Shun Road on March 20 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman was located in Yuk Ming Court this afternoon (March 22). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## Missing woman in Mong Kok located

A woman who went missing in Mong Kok has been located.

Lee Miu-lin, aged 80, went missing after she left her residence on Argyle Street on March 18 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police the next day (March 19).

The woman was located on Hong Chong Road, Hung Hom this afternoon (March 22).

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## SLW visits Eastern District (with photos)

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, today (March 22) visited Eastern District, where he took a closer look at elderly services and met with District Council members. The Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Caspar Tsui, also joined the visit.

Dr Law first went to the Eastern District Council to exchange views with the Chairman, Mr Wong Kin-pan, and members on labour and welfare issues as well as matters of local concern.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Eastern), Mr Simon Chan, he visited the Hong Kong Society for the Aged Chai Wan District Elderly Community Centre. Dr Law pointed out that the Government had regularised the Dementia Community Support Scheme, which provides support for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia and their carers in the community, since February and would expand it to cover all 41 District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) in Hong Kong in May. The Government has also increased the number of social workers in all neighbourhood elderly centres and allocated more resources to day care centres/units for the elderly and home care services teams across the territory to increase manpower, with a view to facilitating early detection of elderly persons suspected of suffering from dementia and enhancing care and support for demented elderly persons and their carers.

In addition, the 2019-20 Budget set out a four-year pilot scheme to provide Wi-Fi service at welfare service units with an allocation of about \$205 million through the Lotteries Fund, covering about 1 350 service units subvented by the Social Welfare Department, including DECCs. Dr Law said that this would facilitate elderly persons patronising the centre, particularly those living alone and elderly doubletons, to communicate with their children, relatives and friends locally and abroad via free Wi-Fi. The pilot scheme would also facilitate welfare organisations to use digital equipment to provide more efficient services.

Dr Law then proceeded to a restaurant in Quarry Bay under the social enterprise, Gingko House, and had a tea gathering with its elderly staff. Apart from hiring elderly persons to work in its restaurants and grocery, Gingko House also provides elderly persons with opportunities in activities such as voluntary work, organic farming and band performances. He said that the Government has been assisting elderly job seekers to secure employment, which could also promote active and healthy ageing as well as their sense of worth.



## Missing in-patient of Kowloon Hospital found

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an in-patient who absconded yesterday (March 21), the spokesperson of Kowloon Hospital gave the following update today (March 22):

The 57-year-old male patient of a psychiatric ward who absconded during

temporary leave yesterday has been located by the Police today.