

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected liquid cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 4 kilograms of suspected liquid cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$4.8 million at Hong Kong International Airport on January 25.

Two female passengers arrived in Hong Kong from Madrid, Spain in the morning on January 25. During Customs clearance, five liquor bottles containing suspected liquid cocaine and a paper box soaked with suspected liquid cocaine were found inside the check-in baggages carried by them. They were then arrested.

The two arrested women, aged 26 and 47, have been jointly charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. They will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 28).

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

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



Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool temporarily closed

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 (January 27) that Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool in Kwai Tsing District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

It will be reopened at 3.55pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (January 29) to consider six applications for new issue, renewal or transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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THE WINERY in Sai Ying Pun

Kowloon:

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"Yip Kee Dai Pai Dong" in To Kwa Wan

The Oak, LAVA 2 and H.OURS in Mong Kok

"Golden Dragon Club" in Sham Shui Po

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (January 27).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate of medical wards in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. The occupancy rate of paediatric wards will also be provided from today onwards. Details are in the appended table.