

## LegCo Members visit Tai Hang Sai Estate (with photos)

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

Legislative Council Members conducted a site visit to Tai Hang Sai Estate in Shek Kip Mei today (November 23) to follow up on a case about the redevelopment of Tai Hang Sai Estate.

Tai Hang Sai Estate is a private rental housing estate. It is constructed and managed by the Hong Kong Settlers Housing Corporation Limited (HKSHCL), which is a non-profit-making organisation. The HKSHCL plans to redevelop the estate in phases.

Accompanied by representatives of the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Planning Department, the Lands Department as well as HKSHCL, Members visited the tenants to better understand their needs and the impacts of the redevelopment on them. Members also visited a vacant unit in the estate to learn more about the condition of the unit.

Members who participated in the visit were Mr James To (Convenor), Dr Priscilla Leung, Dr Fernando Cheung, Dr Helena Wong, Mr Andrew Wan and Mr Vincent Cheng.



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## Government adjusts Outbound Travel Alert for Ankara and Istanbul in Turkey to Amber

In view of the latest situation in Turkey, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (November 23) adjusted the Outbound

Travel Alert (OTA) for Ankara and Istanbul in Turkey from Red to Amber.

A Government spokesman said, "Residents who plan to visit Turkey including Ankara and Istanbul or are already there should monitor the situation, exercise caution, attend to personal safety, avoid travelling to places with large gatherings of people and pay attention to announcements by local authorities. Hong Kong residents should avoid non-essential travel to the southeastern provinces of Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Sanliurfa, Siirt, Sirnak, Tunceli and Van."

The Security Bureau will closely monitor the situation there. Any update will be issued through the media, the bureau's Mobile App and OTA webpage: [www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota](http://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota).

Residents who need assistance may call the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit of the Immigration Department (ImmD) at (852) 1868 or contact the Chinese Embassy in Turkey at consular protection hotline (90) 5388215530.

Hong Kong residents are encouraged to use the online Registration of Outbound Travel Information service ([www.gov.hk/roti](http://www.gov.hk/roti)) of the ImmD to register their contact details and itinerary when outside Hong Kong. The information provided allows the ImmD to disseminate practical information to them through appropriate means, including SMS on mobile phones, on a timely basis when necessary.

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## [Meetings of Legislative Council and its committees](#)

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) and its committees will hold 14 open meetings and one closed meeting during the week from November 26 to 30 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meetings are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo and its Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

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## Retiring CSD Commissioner encourages passing-out members

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) held a passing-out parade at the Staff Training Institute in Stanley today (November 23), with 28 Officers and 40 Assistant Officers II graduating and 31 correctional officers completing the Professional Certificate in Safe and Effective Control Tactics Training Course. The Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Lam Kwok-leung, reviewed the parade.

Addressing the parade, Mr Lam said that the Staff Training Institute (STI) of the CSD, which was established 60 years ago, has always sought to develop work in knowledge management and made achievements in different areas. He also noted that it is particularly encouraging that the STI received the Hong Kong and Asia Most Admired Knowledge Enterprise Award last year. For years, the STI has kept abreast of the times by continuously reviewing its training content and improving its pedagogy. Recent years have seen the introduction of virtual reality technology to deliver scenario-based training, with a view to enhancing training efficiency and equipping trainees to tackle the challenges ahead, he added.

The CSD is preparing for the launch of Institutional Response Teams to complement the operation of existing Regional Response Teams and Correctional Emergency Response Teams, in order to integrate and strengthen institutions' abilities in handling all eventualities. Among the teams reviewed today was the first Institutional Response Team, whose members have already participated in Qualifications Framework-accredited training courses reviewed by the Department itself.

Mr Lam said that the correctional team has all along attached great importance to professionalism. To put into practice the CSD's dual emphasis on safe custody and rehabilitation, the Rehabilitation Division was established in 1998 to provide appropriate and effective rehabilitation programmes to reduce recidivism and protect public safety. He added that to date, the custodial environment continues to be safe and secure, and the rehabilitation work continues to thrive and yield results. "We not only provide persons in custody with market-oriented vocational training courses and education courses at various levels, their family members are also encouraged to join them on the road to rehabilitation, as we believe that family encouragement and family ties are crucial for persons in custody to turn over a new leaf," he said.

Mr Lam added that the CSD also attaches great significance to the promotion of community education, and one of the programmes involves the training of youth leaders. In 2008, the Rehabilitation Pioneer Project was launched to disseminate to secondary school students and youngsters the

messages of leading a law-abiding and drug-free life, as well as to support offender rehabilitation. The first uniformed group, the Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders, was established this year to bring together youngsters with leadership potential. They are encouraged to lead other young people to promote law-abiding values and support offender rehabilitation in future.

The CSD has formulated seven visionary strategic focuses with a view to improving the quality of its service. Among them, the CSD will proactively develop the concept of "Smart Prison", including the pilot operation of Video Analytic Monitoring System for Behaviour of PICs and Health Signs Monitoring System for PICs, in order to enhance operational efficiency through the application of technologies. The Department also plans to introduce "smart" elements in prison redevelopment or development projects, and to build a sustainable correctional system with an integrated operational protocol by using technology to protect the public, so as to achieve the objective of maintaining a safe and secure custodial environment.

Three graduates spoke to the media after the parade. Officer Ko Chun-man, who was awarded a Principal Shield, is also a member of the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Representative Team. He said he would use his persevering spirit as an athlete to encourage persons in custody to face frustration and help place them on the right path. Officer Khalid Mahmood thanked the department for giving him opportunities to further his studies and be promoted, and said he will continue to work hard to contribute to society. Assistant Officer II Onna Hui has received nursing training overseas. She said she would use her professional nursing knowledge to look after the health of persons in custody and help them turn over a new leaf in a safe custodial environment and reintegrate into society.

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## **Update on number of dengue fever cases**

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (November 23) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

From November 16 to 22, the CHP recorded eight imported DF cases. The patients had been to Guangdong in Mainland China (four cases), Malaysia (one case), the Philippines (one case), Thailand (one case) and Vietnam (one case) during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (November 22), 153 cases had been confirmed this year, of which 29 were local cases and 124 were imported cases. The imported cases were mainly from Thailand (34), Mainland China (29) and the Philippines (19).

DF remains endemic in some areas in Asia and beyond. In Guangdong, there

were 2 752 cases in the first 10 months of this year. A spokesman for the CHP advised members of the public that according to the health authority of Guangdong, the number of local DF cases recorded in Guangdong increased from 204 in August to 948 in September, and further to 1 313 in October. Members of the public are reminded to adopt personal protective measures against mosquitoes to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as DF when visiting Guangdong.

The latest figures for 2018 revealed that 75 349 cases had been recorded in Thailand, 2 634 in Singapore (since December 31, 2017) and 175 in Japan. In Taiwan, 178 local cases have been recorded to date in 2018. In the Americas, the latest figures indicated that 66 644 cases have been filed in Mexico in 2018.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from affected areas should apply insect repellent for 14 days (DF) or at least 21 days (Zika Virus Infection) upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children\*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

\* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or

above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public may refer to the CHP's [tips for using insect repellents](#) for details.