

Suspected case tests negative for MERS-CoV

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health today (September 17) reported that the suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) pending results yesterday (September 16), upon preliminary testing, tested negative for MERS Coronavirus.

Three restaurants in Western district convicted for emitting excessive cooking fumes

Three restaurants, Chrisly Inn located at Queen's Road West, St Barts located at High Street and Bistro Du Vin located at Davis Street, violated the requirements of the statutory notices issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) by failing to reduce excessive cooking fume emissions. The restaurants were convicted on September 3, September 10 and today (September 17) respectively by Eastern Magistrates' Courts and fined a total of \$40,000 for contravening the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (APCO).

EPD officers conducted investigations into the three restaurants from April to November last year and found that all restaurants concerned failed to install proper cooking fume control equipment. The EPD then issued statutory notices under the APCO requiring the restaurants to install proper equipment to reduce their emissions by the deadline. After the specified date, it was found that the three restaurants had failed to comply with this requirement and continued to emit visible cooking fumes, which violated the requirement of the statutory notice. The EPD subsequently prosecuted the restaurants and continued to follow up on the cases. The emission levels of the three restaurants concerned had been improved noticeably this month.

According to the APCO, restaurant operators should adopt effective measures to reduce cooking fumes emission within a specified time limit upon receipt of a statutory notice. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000. A maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment may be imposed on second or subsequent convictions.

An EPD spokesman reminded members of the food business that the EPD would take enforcement actions against restaurants for cooking fume emissions according to the APCO. The responsible person of the restaurant should properly design and install appropriate and effective air pollution control

equipment in the kitchens of food premises. They should also arrange for experienced technicians to clean, check and repair the equipment regularly to ensure no visible fumes or odours are emitted, so as to avoid causing air pollution and nuisance to the public.

Mui Wo Sports Centre and Peng Chau Sports Centre reopened

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 17) that Mui Wo Sports Centre and Peng Chau Sports Centre in Islands District have been reopened.

The sports centres were temporarily closed earlier on for use as temporary shelters operated by a District Office of the Home Affairs Department.

Pilotage service to resume

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

The Marine Department has received notification from the Hong Kong Pilots Association Limited that the pilotage service will partially resume from 4.30pm today (September 17) and will fully resume when weather conditions improve. Shipowners, agents, masters and other port users are advised to pay attention.

Electronic Health Record Sharing System awarded international

information security management certification (with photo)

The Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS) has been awarded the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 certification of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) after its Information Security Management System (ISMS) passed the relevant certification audit.

Receiving the certificate, the Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health), Ms Elizabeth Tse, today (September 17) said, "We are pleased that the eHRSS has been awarded the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 certification for its ISMS. It is a milestone in the continuous improvement of the services and information security management under the eHRSS. More than 850 000 members of the public have registered with the eHRSS. We will strive to provide better quality services in the second stage development of the eHRSS."

Led by the Government and with the Hospital Authority (HA) as the technical agency, the territory-wide eHRSS was launched in March 2016 to facilitate public-private medical collaboration, promote continuity of care and improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare services. With patients' informed consent, registered healthcare providers (HCPs) in both the public and private sectors can view and share patients' electronic health records on the eHRSS. Registration by both patients and HCPs is voluntary, free and easy. Under the second stage development, the sharable scope of the eHRSS will be enlarged to include Chinese medicine information and radiology images, and a Patient Portal will be developed.

ISO/IEC 27001:2013 is an international standard developed by ISO and IEC to provide requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving an ISMS. Being certified with the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 standard indicates that the Government and the HA have put in place for the eHRSS a comprehensive suite of information security controls after systemically reviewing its security risks, and have adopted a management process that ensures that the controls will continue to meet its information security needs on an ongoing basis.

