

# CHP investigates outbreak of red-eye syndrome at residential care home for persons with disabilities

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (June 26) investigating an outbreak of acute infectious conjunctivitis (ACJ), commonly known as "red-eye syndrome", at a residential care home for persons with disabilities (RCHD) in Tung Chung and hence appealed to members of the public to maintain good personal and environmental hygiene against ACJ.

The outbreak involves 18 residents and two staff (16 men and four women) aged 29 to 57, who have presented with eye redness since June 5. All patients sought medical attention and one required hospitalisation. All of them are in stable condition.

The conjunctival swab of one resident tested positive for adenovirus upon laboratory testing.

Officers of the CHP have conducted a site visit to the RCHD and provided health advice to the staff. The institution has been placed under medical surveillance. Investigations are ongoing.

"ACJ is a contagious condition mostly caused by bacteria and viruses. The symptoms are irritation, tearing, pain and redness of the eyes. In most cases, full recovery can be expected within one to two weeks with proper treatment," a spokesman for the CHP explained.

Transmission usually occurs through direct contact with discharges from the eyes or upper respiratory tracts of infected people, or indirectly through contaminated fingers, clothing and other articles.

To prevent ACJ, the spokesman advised members of the public to take heed of the following measures:

- \* Do not share personal items such as towels and toilet articles;
- \* Do not share eye droppers, eye medicines, eye makeup, contact lenses and other items that may come into contact with eyes;
- \* Minimise hand-to-eye contact; and
- \* Wash hands frequently and before and after contact with eyes.

When suffering from ACJ symptoms, people should:

- \* Seek early medical attention;
- \* Refrain from going to child care centres, schools or workplaces until recovery;
- \* Avoid going to swimming pools;
- \* Avoid touching or rubbing the infected eyes;
- \* Wash hands often with soap and water;

- \* Wash personal items such as bed linen, pillowcases and towels in hot water and detergent;
- \* Properly dispose of items soiled with eye or respiratory secretions;
- \* Avoid wearing eye makeup or contact lenses; and
- \* Avoid sharing common articles such as towels and glasses.

The public may call the DH's Health Education Hotline (2833 0111) or visit the CHP's website ([www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/6529.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/6529.html)) for more relevant information on ACJ.

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## **Tuen Mun Hospital announced a patient fatal incident**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) announced a patient fatal incident today (June 26):

A 75-year-old male patient with end stage renal failure complained to the staff of Medical Rehabilitation Ward last Saturday (June 23) that a hard object was inserted into his anus during shower. The patient's condition was found deteriorated subsequently. On-call doctor was arranged to perform clinical examination for the patient, followed by a colonoscopy examination by surgeon and physician. It was confirmed that an ulcer of around 2 centimetres in length was found in his rectum. The wound was being treated accordingly. However, the patient's condition continued to deteriorate. Computed Tomography examination was arranged and indicated that the patient's rectum had a perforation. An urgent operation was recommended to but was declined by the patient. The patient's condition continued to deteriorate and eventually succumbed on the following night (June 24).

The management of TMH received notification yesterday and was highly concerned towards the incident. An internal investigation was conducted immediately. After communicating with the patient's relatives, TMH decided to report the case to the police. TMH will fully cooperate with the police to facilitate the investigation.

TMH expresses deep condolences to the patient's relatives, while the Patient Relations Officer will render necessary support to the relatives. TMH has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office and referred the case to the Coroner for follow up.

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## [HKSAR Government welcomes Ministry of Finance's plan to issue sovereign bonds in Hong Kong in 2018](#)

The Ministry of Finance announced today (June 26) its plan to issue Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds totalling RMB10 billion in Hong Kong this year, of which RMB5 billion will be issued in the first half of the year and the remaining RMB5 billion will be issued in the second half of the year. The Ministry of Finance also announced its plan to issue US dollar sovereign bonds outside the Mainland totalling US\$3 billion in the second half of the year. Details will be announced later.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government welcomes the Ministry of Finance's issuance of RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong for the tenth consecutive year. This demonstrates clearly the Central Government's support in reinforcing Hong Kong's status as the global offshore RMB business hub, and is conducive to the development of the bond market in Hong Kong."

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## [LegCo Panel on Education visits Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education \(with photos\)](#)

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Education visited the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) today (June 26) to better understand its services for gifted students.

Members first received a briefing on HKAGE's educational programmes and services by the Executive Director of HKAGE, Prof Ng Tai-kai. Members also took the opportunity to discuss with HKAGE's Board of Directors and Senior Management Team the challenges in developing gifted education in Hong Kong and its future plan in talent development.

Members then met with alumni and student representatives to further understand how HKAGE's programmes could help them achieve self-actualisation, make the right choice for future development and unleash their talents to contribute to society.

Members participating in the visit included the Panel Chairman, Dr Chiang Lai-wan; Panel Deputy Chairman, Mr Ip Kin-yuen; and Panel members Dr Elizabeth Quat, Dr Lo Wai-kwok and Mr Shiu Ka-chun.



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## Missing man in Cheung Sha Wan located

A man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan was located.

Kwok Wai-hung, aged 64, went missing after last seen in Lei Cheng Uk Estate on March 12 night. His family member made a report to Police on March 19.

The man was located in a hospital on Gascoigne Road, Yau Ma Tei this afternoon (June 26). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.