

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected rhino horn cut pieces (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 17) seized about 3.1 kilograms of suspected rhino horn cut pieces with an estimated market value of about \$620,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

Customs officers intercepted a 21-year-old male passenger at the airport yesterday evening. He arrived in Hong Kong from Beira, Mozambique via Johannesburg, South Africa and Doha, Qatar.

During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected rhino horn cut pieces was found inside a black plastic bag in his check-in suitcase. The man was then arrested.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years.

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



Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 18) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 18) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Lo So Shing Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, in Islands District and Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Fatal traffic accident in Yau Ma Tei

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Yau Ma Tei today (June 18) in which a 56-year-old man died.

At about 3.03am, a taxi driven by a 23-year-old man and a taxi driven by a 67-year-old man were travelling along Nathan Road towards Mong Kok respectively. When passing junction of Nathan Road and Kansu Street, the taxi driven by the 23-year-old man reportedly collided with the taxi driven by the 67-year-old man. The taxi driven by the 67-year-old man reportedly lost control and knocked down a 56-year-old man on pavement.

Sustaining injuries on the lower part of his body, he was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 3.44am.

Another 27-year-old taxi passenger who sustained hand and shoulder injuries was sent to Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment in conscious state.

The 23-year-old taxi driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon West is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 9000 or 3661 9058.

HyD requests MTRCL to give detailed account of excavation works incident at SCL Exhibition Centre Station

The Exhibition Centre Station is an underground station of the Hung Hom to Admiralty Extension Section of the Shatin-Central Link (SCL). During construction of the station, the contractor has to build temporary supporting structures for the carrying out of excavation works.

The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) is entrusted by the Government as the project manager of the SCL works, it has the responsibility to ensure the safety and quality of the construction works.

Regarding media enquiries today (June 17) on the excavation works of the Exhibition Centre Station, the Highways Department (HyD) had not received notification from the MTRCL before. The HyD has immediately followed up the matter today and requested the MTRCL to give a detailed account of the incident in writing within 48 hours. The HyD will not comment on the matter at this stage.