

Caritas Medical Centre announces sentinel event

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Caritas Medical Centre (CMC) announces a sentinel event today (March 5):

A 75-year-old male patient, who had a medical history of hypertension and Alzheimer's disease, started a puree diet instead of a minced diet in February this year.

The patient was admitted to CMC for abdominal pain and constipation on February 28. During hospitalisation, the patient was kept nil by mouth, and the doctor arranged intravenous therapy for him. On the morning of March 2, the patient's condition was improving, and his diet order was changed to "fluid diet" after the doctor's assessment.

The patient was reassessed by the case doctor on March 3. As the patient had bowel opened, the doctor changed the patient's diet order from "fluid diet" to "diet as tolerated". Near lunchtime, the nurse overseeing the patient interpreted the adjustment as allowing the patient to have a regular meal after reading through the diet order made by the doctor. A regular meal was therefore served to the patient for lunch subsequently.

A student nurse followed the diet order to feed the patient. The patient could chew and swallow and showed no abnormalities at the beginning of feeding. The student nurse continued to monitor his condition. However, the patient suddenly started coughing after a few mouthfuls of food. The patient developed cardiac arrest. The team performed resuscitation for the patient promptly. However, the patient's condition continued to deteriorate, and he finally succumbed at around 1.30pm on the same day.

The hospital is very concerned about the incident and is deeply saddened by the patient's passing. The hospital has met with the patient's family to explain details of the incident and extended sincere apologies and condolences. All possible assistance will be rendered to the family.

The hospital has reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office. A root cause analysis panel will be set up to investigate the incident thoroughly. The investigation and recommended improvement measures will be completed within eight weeks. The hospital has subsequently devised enhanced measures to remind all healthcare staff to strengthen communication and ascertain their understanding of patients' clinical condition and treatment arrangements. The incident has also been reported to the coroner for follow-up.

The Root Cause Analysis Panel members are as follows:

Chairperson:
Dr Lau Ka Hin
Clinical Stream Coordinator (Medical), Hong Kong East Cluster

Members
Professor Chair Sek Ying
Vice-Director of Research, The Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of
Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Mr Chan Man Nok
Chief Nursing Officer, Nursing Services Department, Hospital Authority

Dr Raymond Cheung
Chief Manager (Patient Safety and Risk Management), Hospital Authority

Mr Lam Yan Ki
Department Manager (Speech Therapy), Kowloon East Cluster

Dr Lau Chi Hung
Chief of Service (Surgery), Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Dr Ben Wong
Clinical Services Coordinator (Surgery), Caritas Medical Centre

Couple given jail and suspended sentence with fine respectively for tax evasion

A couple were convicted of tax evasion today (March 5) at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts. The first defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined \$338,068 (equivalent to 200 per cent of the tax evaded). The second defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined \$405,300 (equivalent to 200 per cent of the tax evaded).

The first defendant pleaded guilty to seven charges of evading tax wilfully with intent, which comprised six counts of omitting or understating rental income obtained from six subdivided units of a residential property in his tax returns for the years of assessment 2014/15 to 2019/20 and one count of giving false answers in writing to the Inland Revenue Department (IRD)'s request for rental information for the years of assessment 2014/15 to 2016/17. The total rental income omitted and understated was \$1,412,537, and the tax involved was \$169,034.

The second defendant, the first defendant's wife, pleaded guilty to six charges of evading tax wilfully with intent, which comprised five counts of omitting rental income obtained from six subdivided units of a residential property and a car parking space in her tax returns for the years of assessment 2015/16 to 2019/20 and one count of giving false answers in writing to the IRD's request for rental information for the years of assessment 2015/16 and 2016/17. The total rental income omitted was \$1,701,075, and the tax involved was \$202,650.

They were in contravention of section 82(1)(a) and 82(1)(e) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (IRO) (Cap. 112).

A spokesman for the IRD reminded taxpayers that tax evasion is a criminal offence under the IRO. Upon conviction, the maximum penalty for each charge is three years' imprisonment and a fine of \$50,000, plus a further fine of three times the amount of tax evaded.

[Appeal for information on missing man in Mong Kok](#)

Police today (March 5) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Mong Kok.

Fung King-tong, aged 90, went missing after he left his residence on Tong Mi Road yesterday (March 4) afternoon. His family then made a report to Police.

He is about 1.55 metres tall, 45 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a blue jacket, black trousers, black shoes, carrying a beige recycle bag and a long umbrella.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Open auctions for public market stalls to be held in March

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (March 5) that open auctions for a total of 478 stalls in 41 public markets will be held in March. A live poultry stall at Tai Kok Tsui Market will be included in the coming open auctions. The stall adopts the design of a "chicken boutique" for display/sale that would completely segregate purchasers from live poultry to ensure good hygiene practice.

The types of stalls to be auctioned this time cover cooked food, frozen meat, fresh meat, fresh fish, live poultry, frozen (chilled) poultry, fruits, vegetables, ready-to-eat food, food-related dry goods and wet goods, non-food related dry goods and wet goods, service trades (including haircutting, manicures, beauty and Chinese medicine practitioners), siu mei and lo mei, mobile phones/mobile phone accessories/electronic products/electronic parts, pet goods and pet food, hardware/locksmith, etc. The tenancy agreement is a three-year fixed term from May 1, with no right of renewal upon expiry of the tenancy agreement. The upset prices of the monthly rent of the stalls vary depending on the sizes, locations and vacancy periods of the individual stalls. The upset prices for the stalls in an open auction will be initially fixed at 80 per cent of the open market rent (OMR) if the stalls have been vacant for over six months, and at 60 per cent of the OMR if the vacant period has been over eight months. Relevant information is available on the FEHD website.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "Bidders for the market stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong. To allow more people

to bid for the stalls and increase customer choices by enhancing the diversity in terms of the variety of stalls, there will be a restriction on the number of stalls to be rented in the same market by a single tenant. Any person who is currently a stall tenant is not allowed to bid in the first round of auction for any stall in the same market, and will only be allowed to bid for one stall in the second round of auction. The existing tenants under the new three-year fixed term tenancy scheme (i.e. those persons who became stall tenants through the market open auctions after August 2022) are allowed to bid for a stall in the same market in the auction, but shall deliver vacant possession of the current stall to the FEHD before the effective date of commencement of the tenancy agreement. The terms and conditions of the auctions have been uploaded to the FEHD website, with details of qualifications of the bidders listed."

â€‹The date and venue of the auctions and the number of stalls are as follows:

New Territories (1)

Auction date: March 12 (Wednesday) (am)

Auction venue: Tseng Choi Street Community Hall, 27 Tseng Choi Street, Tuen Mun, New Territories

Number of stalls: 83

New Territories (2)

Auction date: March 13 (Thursday) (am)

Auction venue: Assembly Hall, 1/F, Tai Po Community Centre, 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po, New Territories

Number of stalls: 68

Kowloon (except Lai Wan Market) (1)

Auction date: March 14 (Friday) (am)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 65

Lai Wan Market

Auction date: March 14 (Friday) (pm)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: two

Hong Kong Island and Islands District (except Aberdeen Market) (1)

Auction date: March 17 (Monday) (am)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 78

Aberdeen Market

Auction date: March 17 (Monday) (pm)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 18

Hong Kong Island and Islands District (except Aberdeen Market) (2)

Auction date: March 18 (Tuesday) (am)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 71

Hong Kong Island and Islands District (except Aberdeen Market) (3)

Auction date: March 18 (Tuesday) (pm)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 52

Kowloon (except Lai Wan Market) (2)

Auction date: March 27 (Thursday) (am)

Auction venue: The Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 41 (include a live poultry stall at Tai Kok Tsui Market)

â€Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The admission tickets will be issued 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each auction. Persons who want to attend the auctions must wait at the waiting area of the auction venue and produce their Hong Kong identity card or passport for registration. The registered person will then be provided with an admission ticket for the auctions. In addition, eligible bidders after verification will be issued with a bidding paddle for the auction. The FEHD has also invited representatives of the Police and the Independent Commission Against Corruption to monitor the auctions at the auction venue in order to ensure that the open auctions are conducted in an orderly and fair manner.

â€Details of the open auctions and the public market stalls concerned (including stalls for open auction at reduced upset prices) have been uploaded to the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/pleasant_environment/tidy_market/open_auction_coming.html). Bidders interested in the auctions may visit the department website or contact the respective District Environmental Hygiene Office.

[Fraudulent website and phishing instant messages related to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited relating to a fraudulent website and phishing instant messages, which have been reported to the HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the [HKMA website](#).

The HKMA wishes to remind the public that banks will not send SMS or emails with embedded hyperlinks which direct them to the banks' websites to carry out transactions. They will not ask customers for sensitive personal information, such as login passwords or one-time password, by phone, email or SMS (including via embedded hyperlinks).

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the website or instant messages concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.