

FEHD expresses concern over hospitalisation of outsourced cleaning worker

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said today (May 25) that an outsourced cleaning service contractor worker was found to be sick at Canal Road Public Toilet during her working hours yesterday (May 24). She was admitted to hospital and is in critical condition. The FEHD sent its regards to the worker yesterday and is providing her and her family members with appropriate assistance.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "We are saddened by the incident and have sent our regards to the worker, wishing her a speedy recovery. We will maintain contact with her family through the service contractor to provide appropriate support and assistance to them as far as practicable."

Director of Immigration fully supports draft Decision on establishing and improving legal system and enforcement mechanisms for HKSAR to safeguard national security

â€‹The National People's Congress (NPC) will deliberate a draft Decision for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to safeguard national security (the Decision).

The Acting Director of Immigration, Mr Au Ka-wang, supports the Decision and indicated that the Immigration Department (ImmD) will, by adhering to all applicable laws and current immigration policies, continue to safeguard Hong Kong and prevent acts that endanger national security. Mr Au strongly condemned the acts of the rioters and advocates of "Hong Kong independence", and expressed his full support to the Police to strictly enforce the law.

Mr Au said that the Decision helps to safeguard national and the HKSAR's security. Under the leadership of the Security Bureau, the ImmD will continue to safeguard Hong Kong, the country's southern gateway to the world, and work with other law enforcement agencies to combat activities that undermine

national security in order to maintain Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

The ImmD fully supports the NPC's draft Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to ensure Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability, and allow Hong Kong to be back on track and restore its glory.

SED on HKDSE History Examination question setting

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session after attending a special meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Education today (May 25):

Reporter: Could I ask, because you said the question was too complicated, that (since) most students, or at least around 60 per cent, could answer correctly that there was more harm than good brought to China by Japan, are you still saying that the correct argument is that this is too difficult a question for DSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) students?

Secretary for Education: My colleagues say it is a very difficult question in the sense that the information provided, the two paragraphs or the two pieces of information provided are very complicated in nature. There are a lot of rationales behind, some saying they are good and some saying they are bad, and there are also some underlying reasons for analysis of why the Japanese did these things at that point in time. So if we ask Secondary Six students to analyse these two pieces of information within a short period of time, and normally these two pieces of information will not be taught in a normal lesson of a school, then it will be very difficult for them to give a very meaningful analysis.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

Commission on Children convenes seventh meeting

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, chaired the seventh meeting of the Commission on Children today (May 25). At the meeting, members were briefed on the cross-departmental measures taken to

address the problem of juvenile gangs and the support measures for children and their families during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic. Members also discussed the progress and outlook of the Commission's work.

The Commission noted the recent increase in the number of juveniles and young persons arrested for criminal offences and the cross-departmental measures taken by the Education Bureau, the Police and the Social Welfare Department to address the problem of juvenile gangs. Members discussed room for improvements in prevention, intervention and rehabilitation services.

In addition, members were briefed on the Government's anti-epidemic efforts and support measures for children and their families (especially those with children with special needs) amid disruption of child care services and class suspensions owing to the epidemic.

The meeting also reviewed the Commission's work since its establishment in June 2018, and discussed work priorities in the coming two years.

The Commission has been focusing on important children-related policies and programmes, and has been monitoring their implementation, including regularising and enhancing rehabilitation service for pre-school children, strengthening the long-term development of child care services, introducing new concepts into play areas for children, promoting children's mental health and catering for the education needs of ethnic minority children.

Moreover, a consultancy study on the feasibility of developing a central databank on children is ongoing. The consultant will collect and consolidate relevant data and explore the feasibility of formulating policy directions and enhancing services for the well-being of children.

The Commission has also been committed to promoting the importance of children's well-being and development. A territory-wide "Caring for Our Kids" Campaign was launched in November 2019, including a cross-discipline stakeholder engagement session followed by educational and publicity activities. In 2020-21, the campaign will focus on promoting a healthy life of children as well as respecting and better understanding their thoughts and feelings.

The Funding Scheme for Children's Well-being and Development launched in April 2019 met with an enthusiastic response and received over 60 applications from non-governmental organisations, schools and child concern groups on promotional and public educational projects for children, parents and teachers. The second round of the Scheme is now open for applications until end-July 2020.

Missing man in Cheung Sha Wan located

A man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan has been located.

Kwong Wai-keung, aged 61, went missing after he left his elderly home on Un Chau Street in the small hours on April 30. Staff of the elderly home made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located on Wu Chui Road, Castle Peak on May 23 evening. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.