

## [Appeal for information on missing man in Wong Tai Sin \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (May 4) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Wong Tai Sin.

Lam Kam-yiu, aged 71, went missing after he left his residence in Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate yesterday (May 3) morning. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.65 metres tall, 48 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a grey jacket, dark-coloured trousers, sports shoes and a white cap.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or 9347 2596 or email to [rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.



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As to your question about whether there will be additional stimulus packages, I will appeal to people's support for us to roll out the various measures in the Anti-epidemic Fund – round one and round two – as well as the relief measures in the Budget as soon as possible. Many of those initiatives are still yet to be implemented. Upon full implementation of those measures, I think the positive impact on the economy would be better felt by the community, and we will be monitoring the situation carefully. If there is a need, we stand ready to roll out additional measures to help our people, to help our businesses. But at this stage, we will be working full steam to roll out all the measures as soon as possible. Thank you.

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