

[TRIPURA POLLING – 74% voting till 4pm](#)

Polling was held today for General Elections to Legislative Assembly of Tripura. The day passed off peacefully in 59 Constituencies out of 60 Constituencies of the State. Poll of one of the Constituency i.e. 19-Charilam (ST) AC will be held on 12th March, 2018 owing to death of one candidate.

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[Our action on obesity](#)

Obesity is one of the biggest challenges facing our nation's health. It is harming the people of Scotland and putting pressure on the NHS, other public services and our economy.

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This year marks a century since women first gained the right to vote. Today thousands of women across Scotland shape our movement and thousands more built it. To mark the centenary of women's suffrage, we are highlighting 100 women who represent the SNP in 2018.

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[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (February 17) seized about 1.5 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$670,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Nigeria via Ethiopia yesterday afternoon. Upon examination of her check-in suitcase, Customs officers found the suspected methamphetamine inside the false compartment of the suitcase. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman, aged 31, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (February 19).

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.



[CHP investigates case of severe paediatric influenza B infection](#)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (February 18) investigating a case of severe paediatric influenza B infection.

The case involves a two-year-old boy with underlying illness, who has presented with cough and shortness of breath since February 15. He was admitted to United Christian Hospital on February 16 and transferred to the paediatric intensive care unit for further management today.

His nasopharyngeal aspirate tested positive for influenza B virus upon laboratory testing. The clinical diagnosis was influenza B infection complicated with severe pneumonia. He is now in a serious condition.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient had yet to receive seasonal influenza vaccination for the current season and had no recent travel history. His home contacts are asymptomatic so far. Investigations are ongoing.

The public should maintain good personal and environmental hygiene for protection against influenza and other respiratory illnesses:

- Receive seasonal influenza vaccination for personal protection;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water properly whenever possibly contaminated;
- When hands are not visibly soiled, clean them with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub as an effective alternative;
- Wash or clean hands frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, or after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs;
- Cover the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, and wash hands thoroughly afterwards;
- Dispose of soiled tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin;
- Put on a surgical mask when respiratory symptoms develop;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- Avoid going to crowded or poorly ventilated public places; high-risk individuals may consider putting on surgical masks when staying in such places; and
- Maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly, take adequate rest, do not smoke and avoid overstress.

For more information, please visit the CHP's [influenza page](#) and weekly [Flu Express](#).