

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 38-year-old female person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Lo Wu Correctional Institution today (January 19).

At 4.43am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with a bedsheet tied to the grille bar of the dormitory. The officer at the scene immediately called for reinforcement and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment, she was sent to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of possession and use of forged identity card in October 2020.