

Police Recruitment Experience and Assessment Day (with photos)

The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) today (June 22) organised the Police Recruitment Experience and Assessment Day (READ) at the Hong Kong Police College, and announced the enhancement of the selection process for Probationary Inspectors with effect from July 1, with a view to facilitating job applications and improving the efficiency of the recruitment process.

The theme of this year's READ was "One Force", aiming to demonstrate to aspiring candidates the unity and solidarity of the Police Force in safeguarding Hong Kong. Through various experiential activities, participants were given opportunities to gain a better knowledge of the selection process, foundation training programmes at the Police College, and the diversified police duties. Participants were able to submit applications and undergo part of the initial screening on the spot. Top performing applicants in the group interview for Recruit Police Constables were invited to attend their final interview on the same day.

Additionally, the HKPF announced the introduction of the "Probationary Inspector DSE 4+ Express", effective from July 1. Those who have obtained Level 4 or above in Chinese Language and English Language subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, and have passed the Aptitude Test of the Common Recruitment Examination will be deemed to have passed the Probationary Inspector Written Examination, and gain direct access to the Extended Interview. The measure will expedite the selection process so that candidates meeting the above requirements can join the Police Force as soon as possible, enhancing the Force's capacity to attract high-calibre candidates in the job market.

A number of new sessions have been added to READ, including the "Escape Room", an interactive mystery-solving game, together with the "Crime Scene Investigation Mobile Laboratory" of the Identification Bureau, which enabled participants to experience criminal investigation and evidence collection in a simulated crime scene; the "Barrack and Living Quarters Tour", which introduced visitors to the accommodation arrangements and welfare benefits for married junior police officers and trainees; and the "Unit Display", which allowed Police officers to interact with the public through games to demonstrate the strength and skills of elite units.

For the first time, the Technical Services Division, the Communication Branch, the Police Band, Traffic Wardens and Police Communications Officers, set up booths to demonstrate to the public the diverse roles of the Force. Other recruitment activities included selection workshops for Probationary Inspectors and Recruit Police Constables, interactive exhibitions of various Police units, sharing sessions on training experience, and workshops on physical fitness tests.

The READ recorded an attendance of 2 397. A total of 505 on-spot applications were received, of which 158 for Probationary Inspector posts, 273 for RPC posts, and 36 for Police Constable (Auxiliary) posts, and 38 for the Cadet Programme. Applicants included students of local and overseas tertiary institutes and working people.

The Force accepts job applications year-round. Persons who are interested in applying for Probationary Inspector, Recruit Police Constable or Police Constable (Auxiliary) can complete the application form at the ["HKPF Recruit" mobile application](#), website or mail the completed form to the Police Recruitment Division. For more information, please visit the [Police recruitment webpage](#).





[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds at airport \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 21) detected two drug trafficking cases involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport. A total of about 35 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds with a total estimated market value of about \$7.3 million were seized.

The first case involved a male passenger, aged 26, and arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, Customs officers found a batch of suspected cannabis buds, weighing about 11kg, concealed inside vacuum bags in his check-in suitcase. He was subsequently arrested.

The second case involved a male passenger, aged 31, and arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, Customs officers found a total of about 24kg suspected cannabis buds concealed in vacuum bags inside his two check-in suitcases. He was subsequently arrested.

After an investigation, the two arrested persons have each been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug respectively. The two cases will be brought up at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 23).

Customs will continue to step up enforcement against drug trafficking activities through intelligence analysis. The department also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people.

Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

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.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).



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

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (June 22) investigating a case of severe paediatric enterovirus (EV) infection, and reminded the public to maintain hand, personal and environmental hygiene.

The case involves a 10-year-old girl with good past health. She attended the Accident and Emergency Department of United Christian Hospital on June 17 due to fever, headache and vomiting, and was admitted for treatment. She remains hospitalised.

A laboratory test of her cerebrospinal fluid specimen was positive for EV. The clinical diagnosis was meningitis.

Preliminary investigation by the CHP revealed that the patient had no travel history during the incubation period. Her home contacts have remained asymptomatic for the time being. The CHP's investigations are ongoing.

EV infection is transmitted by direct contact with nose and throat discharges. Children suffering from EV infection should stay at home and

avoid contact with other children until they have recovered. The public should be vigilant and observe the following preventive measures:

- Wash hands before eating and after going to the toilet and changing diapers;
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation; and
- Thoroughly clean toys or appliances that are contaminated by nasal or oral secretions.

The public may visit the CHP's page on [hand, foot and mouth disease and EV71 infection](#) for more information.

HAD opens temporary heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department is opening 19 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (June 22).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

Central and Western –
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –
Lei Tung Community Hall
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –
Wan Chai Activities Centre

LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon:

Kowloon City –
Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate

Wong Tai Sin –
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories:

Islands –
Tung Chung Community Hall
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –
Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –
Cheung Wah Community Hall
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –
Hang Hau Community Hall
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau,
Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –
Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –
Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –
Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –
Tin Yiu Community Centre
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, please browse the following document:

www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf.

Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency leads industry delegation to participate in Beijing International Book Fair (with photos)

The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau led an industry delegation to participate in the 31st edition of the Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF) and organised the Hong Kong Pavilion themed "Strolling through Hong Kong: Intangible Cultural Heritage and Urban Memories". Through showcasing a wide range of Hong Kong intangible cultural heritage (ICH) and diverse Hong Kong cultural and creative works as well as publications and printed matters, the Hong Kong Pavilion presented profound Chinese culture and its inheritance and innovation in Hong Kong, at the same time exhibited the charms of literary excellence of Hong Kong, enhancing the reach of Hong Kong publishing and printing industries in market development and further promoting Hong Kong as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange. The Hong Kong Pavilion was successfully held from June 18 to 22, with enthusiastic responses and a total of about 120 000 visitors recorded in the pavilion over the five-day fair period.

The Commissioner for Cultural and Creative Industries, Mr Victor Tsang, said that the Hong Kong Pavilion demonstrated the continuous strengthened collaborative efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) and the publishing industry, with the aim of showcasing the power of profound Chinese culture by highlighting the substantial achievements among Hong Kong publications. The Hong Kong Pavilion also unveiled the logo of the World Chinese Literature Festival and marked the launching in Beijing for the eight wordless illustration books published under the Hong Kong Picture Book Publishing Support Programme.

The Hong Kong Pavilion comprised four zones, among which the themed exhibition zone, the zone "A Glimpse of Hong Kong Writers" and the Hong Kong Illustration Zone exhibited over 500 items of Hong Kong publications, printed works and other cultural and creative products, attracting the attention of substantial audiences and publishers in the Mainland; while the zone for business negotiation had more than 50 Hong Kong publishers and printing companies exhibiting their latest creations and engaging in business discussions with potential business partners from around the world. Picture book illustrators sponsored to participate in the fair also visited various publishers during the fair period to broaden their business network and open up more business opportunities.

A number of Hong Kong ICH bearers were invited to the fairground in Beijing to host a series of workshops and demonstrations, so as to enable audiences to gain an in-depth understanding and experience of the ICH. Two printing industry seminars were also conducted at the Hong Kong Pavilion to promote the latest printing product control practices and discuss industry developments.

The Hong Kong Pavilion was presented by the CCIDA, with the Hong Kong Publishing Federation and the Hong Kong Printers Association as joint implementation organisations, the Beijing Office of the HKSARG, the Innovative Entrepreneur Association, the World Chinese Literature Foundation, the Hong Kong Professionals (Beijing) Association and the Advanced Printing Technology Centre as supporting organisations. Upon completion of the exhibition, the CCIDA donated part of the books exhibited to the Capital Library to sustain the cultural exchange between Beijing and Hong Kong.

A virtual version of the 31st edition of the BIBF Hong Kong Pavilion is also available online (Website: 2025bookfair.hkbibf.com) until the end of 2025 and beyond, allowing more potential business partners and readers to access outstanding Hong Kong publications and printed works. All members of the public are welcome to visit the website.

