Correctional officers stop person in custody attacking staff

Correctional officers at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre stopped a person in custody attacking staff yesterday (April 2).

At 6.41pm yesterday, a 41-year-old male person in custody suddenly became emotional and attacked a correctional officer with his hand inside the reception office. Officers at the scene immediately stopped him. OC foam was used to subdue the person in custody after warnings were given in vain.

During the incident, the officer sustained injury to his face. After examination and treatment by the institution medical officer, he was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. The assailant did not sustain any injury.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The assailant was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of contravention of regulations during quarantine.

<u>Appointment of Town Planning Board</u> members

The Chief Executive has appointed six official and 30 non-official members to the Town Planning Board (TPB) for a two-year term from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022. The membership list has been published in the Gazette today (April 3).

The Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) has been re-appointed as Chairman of the TPB. Veteran member Mr Lincoln Huang Linghang has been appointed as Vice-chairman.

A spokesman for the Development Bureau said non-official members of the TPB come from a wide range of sectors. Their multi-disciplinary expertise and wealth of experience will contribute to the work of the TPB in discharging its statutory functions under the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131) (TPO).

TPB members are also appointed to serve on the TPB's two planning committees, namely the Metro Planning Committee (MPC) and the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (RNTPC). The Director of Planning has been reappointed as the Chairman of both the MPC and the RNTPC. Mr Wilson Fung Yingwai and Mr Stephen Liu Ling-hong have been appointed as the Vice-chairmen of

the MPC and the RNTPC respectively.

"We also wish to thank the seven retiring members for their contributions over the past years," the spokesman said.

The TPB is a statutory body established under section 2 of the TPO with a view to promoting the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the community through the systematic preparation and approval of plans for the layout of areas of Hong Kong.

Following is the full membership of the TPB for the new term:

Chairman

Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)

Vice-chairman

Mr Lincoln Huang Ling-hang

Official Members

Director of Planning

Deputy Secretary (Transport)1, Transport and Housing Bureau, or alternate representative

Director of Home Affairs, or alternate representative

Director of Environmental Protection, or alternate representative

Director of Lands, or alternate representative

Non-official Members

The re-appointed members are:

Mr Cheung Kwok-kit

Mr Stanley Choi Tak-shing

Mr Wilson Fung Ying-wai

Dr Hau Chi-hang

Mr Thomas Ho On-sing

Mr Philip Kan Siu-lun

Mr Kwok Lit-tung

Mr Alex Lai Ting-hong

Mr Daniel Lau King-shing

Ms Lilian Law Suk-kwan

Mr Leung Ka-wing

Dr Lawrence Li Kwok-chang

Mr Stephen Liu Ling-hong

Professor Liu Tik-sang

Professor John Ng Cheuk-yee

Dr Jeanne Ng Chi-yun

Miss Winnie Ng Wing-mui

Dr Lawrence Poon Wing-cheung
Ms Sandy Wong Hang-yee
Professor Jonathan Wong Woon-chung
Dr Frankie Yeung
Mr Franklin Yu
Mr Ricky Yu Wai-yip
Mr Peter Yuen Ka-tat

The new appointees are:

Dr Roger Chan Chun-kwong Dr Venus Lun Yuen-ha Mr Tse Cheung-hing Mr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung Mr Wong Yuen-shan

Qualified person disciplined for committing offence relating to prescribed inspection and repair of windows

The Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board has completed a disciplinary inquiry under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and decided that a Registered Minor Works Contractor (RMWC) appointed as a qualified person (QP) under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) and its Authorised Signatory (AS) (also being the RMWC's director) should be disciplined for having been convicted by the court of offences relating to prescribed inspection and repair of windows. This was the first disciplinary inquiry against a QP under the MWIS.

The Board ordered the RMWC and its AS to be fined \$6,000 respectively, and they are to pay about \$58,000, being the costs of the Board and the Buildings Department (BD) for conducting the inquiry. The Board's decision and order made on January 23, 2020, was published in the Gazette today (April 3). Details are available at the following link:

www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202414/egn202024141576.pdf.

The RMWC and its AS submitted a certificate to the BD in January 2015, certifying that the windows of the premises were safe and that no prescribed repair was required.

Subsequently, the BD conducted an investigation in response to a report about substandard window repair at the premises concerned. In the

investigation, it was revealed that certain window repair works had in fact been carried out.

The RMWC and its AS were later prosecuted, convicted and fined \$6,000 respectively at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts on February 25, 2016, pursuant to sections 40(2A)(c) and 40(5) of the BO for knowingly misrepresenting a material fact in certifying that the windows of the premises were safe and that no prescribed repair was required. In view of the convictions, the BD notified the disciplinary board for its consideration and action against the RMWC and its AS under the provisions of sections 13(1) and 13(3) of the BO.

A spokesperson for the BD reiterated that in order to ensure building safety, the BD attaches great importance to the quality of the prescribed inspection and repair of windows by a QP. Any QP who contravenes the relevant provisions of the BO in carrying out the prescribed inspection and repair of windows under the MWIS is not only liable to criminal prosecution but also disciplinary action under the Ordinance.

<u>Tenders invited for advertising area</u> <u>licence of government property</u>

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year licence of the advertising area on a portion of the rooftop of Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

The tender notice was uploaded today (April 3) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend a site inspection should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 3842 6775 on or before April 15, 2020.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Secretariat Tender Box situated in the lobby of the public entrance, Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before noon on April 24, 2020. Late tenders will not be accepted.

<u>Tenders invited for licence of fee-paying public car park</u>

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year licence of a fee-paying public car park on portions of the ground floor of Tai Po Government Offices, 1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong.

The premises should be used for the purposes of a fee-paying public car park for the parking of private cars and motorcycles.

The tender notice was uploaded today (April 3) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend a site inspection should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 3842 6777 on or before April 16, 2020.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before noon on April 29, 2020. Late tenders will not be accepted.