

Traffic enforcement operation against illegal parking in Sha Tin Police District concludes

Sha Tin Police District today (March 19) concluded a three-day traffic enforcement operation against illegal parking in Sha Tin, Tin Sum and Ma On Shan police divisions.

The operation targeted to combat double parking, loading, unloading or waiting at restricted zones, and obstructing emergency vehicular accesses. During the operation, a total of 5,470 fixed penalty tickets were issued.

Sha Tin Police District will continue to step up enforcement actions, targeting at drivers who have contravened illegal parking regulations, obstructed traffic flow or caused danger to other road users, with a view to ensuring smooth traffic flow and safety of the public. The District will also raise the awareness of road safety through publicity and education.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (March 19), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 262 patients (138 male and 124 female, aged seven months to 81 years) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 377 patients under isolation currently. So far, 98 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infections have been discharged upon recovery.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Appeal for information on missing man in Cheung Sha Wan (with photo)

Police today (March 19) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan.

Leung Siu-lam, aged 64, went missing after he left his residence on Broadway on March 14 morning. His family made a report to Police yesterday (March 18).

He is about 1.8 metres tall, 63 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short greyish-white hair. He was last seen wearing a blue jacket, black trousers and blue sports shoes.

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 West on 3661 8036 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Import of poultry meat and products from District of Leipzig, State of Sachsen in Germany suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (March 19) that in view of a notification from the

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza in the District of Leipzig of the State of Sachsen in Germany, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products, including poultry eggs, from the district with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that Hong Kong imported about 4,780 tonnes of frozen poultry meat and 2.9 million poultry eggs from Germany last year, according to the Census and Statistics Department.

"The CFS has contacted the German authorities over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the OIE on avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

March 2020 issue of "Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics" now available

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (March 19) the March 2020 issue of the "Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics" (HKMDS).

Apart from providing up-to-date statistics, this issue also contains two feature articles entitled "The Real Estate Sector in Hong Kong" and "Trends of Infant Mortality in Hong Kong, 1951 to 2018". Statistics presented in the "Trends of Infant Mortality in Hong Kong, 1951 to 2018" article are based on the data source from the Department of Health.

"The Real Estate Sector in Hong Kong"

The performance of the real estate sector, in particular real estate development and leasing as well as real estate brokerage and agency industries, is largely underpinned by the developments in the local property market. During the period 2009 to 2018, the real estate sector was generally on an uptrend. This feature article analyses the industry structure and performance of the real estate sector in Hong Kong in this period.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Construction and Miscellaneous Services Statistics Section, the C&SD (Tel: 3903 6962; email: building@censtatd.gov.hk).

"Trends of Infant Mortality in Hong Kong, 1951 to 2018"

Infant mortality refers to death of those aged below 1 year old. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is the number of registered infant deaths in a year per 1 000 registered live births in that year. IMR is a useful indicator of the health status not only of infants, but also of the whole population and of

the socio-economic conditions under which they live.

This feature article describes the trends of infant mortality in Hong Kong from 1951 to 2018 and analyses the infant mortality by sex and by major causes of deaths.

For enquiries about this feature article, please contact the Health Statistics Division, Department of Health (Tel: 2961 8569; email: enquiries@dh.gov.hk).

Published in bilingual form, the HKMDS is a compact volume of official statistics containing about 140 tables. It collects up-to-date statistical series on various aspects of the social and economic situation of Hong Kong. Topics include population; labour; external trade; National Income and Balance of Payments; prices; business performance; energy; housing and property; government accounts, finance and insurance; and transport, communications and tourism. For selected key statistical items, over 20 charts depicting the annual trend in the past decade and quarterly or monthly trend in the recent two years are also available. Users can download the Digest free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp460.jsp?productCode=B1010002).

Enquiries about the contents of the Digest can be directed to the Statistical Information Dissemination Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 4738; email: gen-enquiry@censtatd.gov.hk).