

Meetings of Legislative Council and its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

Details of the meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and its Committees to be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from March 16 to 20 are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meetings at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Hong Kong Customs detects three cases of importing suspected counterfeit goods by land in four days (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized 191 cartons of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million at Man Kam To Control Point on March 11. This is the third case of importing suspected counterfeit goods by land detected by Customs during the four days from March 8 to 11.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Man Kam To Control Point on March 11. The batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including watches, glasses, mobile phones accessories, shoes and vehicle parts were found inside the container. The 40-year-old male driver was then arrested.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (March 12) arrested a 66-year-old man suspected to be involved in the case in Tsim Sha Tsui. More than 300 items of suspected counterfeit goods, including watches and glasses, worth about \$200,000 were further seized at a premise in the district. An investigation is ongoing.

Including this case, Customs has detected three cases of importing

suspected counterfeit goods by land from March 8 to 11, with a seizure value amount of \$3.3 million in total.

Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment strategy to select cross border goods vehicles for clearance to intercept cross border counterfeits and other contrabands.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (March 13), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 47 patients (24 male and 23 female, aged 1 month to 104 years) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 116 patients under isolation currently. So far, 78 patients with 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.

Latest arrangements for Labour Department public services

The Labour Department (LD) today (March 13) said that all service counters under the LD will maintain the arrangements announced on March 6 to be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between March 16 and 20.

Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic will remain open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Fanling Occupational Health Clinic on Tuesday and Thursday.

The LD will continue to review the situation and make announcements as appropriate.

For enquiries, members of the public can call the LD's 24-hour enquiry hotline at 2717 1771 (the hotline is manned by 1823), or email the department at enquiry@labour.gov.hk.

Government to sell site in Kwun Tong by public tender

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (March 13) that a site, Lot No. 1069 in Survey District No. 3, off Anderson Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, in the 2019-20 Land Sale Programme will be disposed of by public tender. The tender invitation for the lot will commence on March 20, and close on May 15.

Lot No. 1069 in Survey District No. 3 has a site area of about 20,167 square metres and is designated for private residential purposes. The minimum gross floor area and the maximum gross floor area in respect of Area (a) as shown on the sale plan are 34,432 sq m and 57,387 sq m respectively. The minimum gross floor area and the maximum gross floor area in respect of Area (b) as shown on the sale plan are 26,279 sq m and 43,798 sq m respectively. Not less than 1,000 units out of the total number of residential units to be erected within the lot shall be starter homes units to implement the Starter Homes Pilot Project.

Land sale documents including the Form of Tender, the Tender Notice, the Conditions of Sale and the sale plan of the lot will be available for downloading from the LandsD website (www.landstd.gov.hk), and the sale plan will be available for distribution and inspection by the public from March 20, when the particulars of the tender will also be gazetted.