

## Immigration Department charters flight for voluntary repatriation of Vietnamese illegal immigrants to Vietnam (with photos)

The Immigration Department (ImmD) chartered a flight today (December 3) to effect the repatriation of 30 Vietnamese illegal immigrants to Hanoi, Vietnam. These Vietnamese illegal immigrants comprise 19 males and 11 females aged 18 to 60, of whom 25 are unsubstantiated non-refoulement claimants, including 6 discharged prisoners.

Since the removees include convicted persons and unsubstantiated non-refoulement claimants, ImmD officers are deployed to carry out in-flight escort duty on the same chartered flight, in order to ensure safe and smooth repatriation operation. After completion of the escort duty, all officers concerned are arranged to return to Hong Kong on the same day.

Depending on circumstances and need, the ImmD will continue to consider effecting soonest removal of illegal immigrants from Hong Kong by means of chartered flights or through other appropriate measures.



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## CHP investigates measles infection case

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (December 3) investigating a case of measles infection and reminded the public that vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles.

The case involves a 58-year-old man with good past health, who has

developed fever, cough and runny nose since November 25 and rash on December 1. He attended the Accident and Emergency Department at the North Lantau Hospital on December 1 for medical attention and was admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment on the same day.

A laboratory test of his respiratory specimen was positive for the measles virus. He is in a stable condition and his measles vaccination history is unknown. He travelled to the Philippines during the incubation period but had no travel history during the communicable period.

According to the patient, he did not have contact with measles patients during the incubation period.

Upon notification of the case, the CHP immediately commenced epidemiological investigations and conducted relevant contact tracing. Investigations are ongoing. The public places the patient visited during the communicable period are listed in the appendix.

A spokesman for the DH said, "Those who might have had contact with the patient during the period of communicability are urged to observe if they have developed measles-related symptoms, and to seek medical treatment immediately if such symptoms appear. If they need to visit any health care facilities during the period of medical surveillance, they should also report whether they have symptoms and prior measles exposure history to the healthcare workers so that appropriate infection control measures can be implemented at the healthcare facilities concerned to prevent any potential spread.

"Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles. Members of the public who are planning to travel to places with a high incidence or outbreaks of measles should review their vaccination history and past medical history, especially people born outside Hong Kong who might not have received a measles vaccination during childhood. Those who have not received two doses of measles-containing vaccines, with unknown vaccination history or unknown immunity against measles, are urged to consult their doctor for advice on vaccinations at least two weeks before departure," the spokesman said.

To boost the community's herd immunity against measles, the CHP earlier this year launched a one-off mop-up programme to provide free measles vaccinations to foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) working in Hong Kong. Eligible FDHs are urged to use the opportunity to receive measles vaccinations to protect themselves, their families and their employers' families before the programme ends on February 15, 2020. For details and appointment methods, please visit the CHP's website [www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102004.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102004.html).

Measles is a highly infectious disease caused by the measles virus. It can be transmitted by airborne droplets or direct contact with nasal or throat secretions of infected persons, and, less commonly, by articles soiled with nose and throat secretions. A patient can pass the disease to other persons from four days before to four days after the appearance of a skin rash.

"The incubation period (the period from infection to appearance of illness) of measles ranges from seven days to 21 days. Symptoms of measles include fever, skin rash, cough, runny nose and red eyes. If symptoms arise, members of the public should wear surgical masks, stop going to work or school and avoid going to crowded places. They should also avoid contact with non-immune persons, especially persons with weakened immunity, pregnant women and children aged below 1. Those suspected to have been infected are advised to seek medical attention as early as possible and reveal relevant contact history of measles to healthcare professionals," the spokesman advised.

Besides being vaccinated against measles, members of the public should take the following measures to prevent infection:

- Maintain good personal and environmental hygiene;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- Keep hands clean and wash hands properly;
- Wash hands when they are dirtied by respiratory secretions, such as after sneezing;
- Cover the nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of nasal and mouth discharge properly;
- Clean used toys and furniture properly; and
- Persons with measles should be kept out of school till four days from the appearance of a rash to prevent the spread of the infection to non-immune persons in school.

For more information on measles, the public may call the 24-hour health education hotline 2833 0111 or visit the CHP's [measles thematic page](#). For news of measles outbreaks outside Hong Kong or the latest travel health advice, please visit the website of the DH's [Travel Health Service](#).

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## [Missing man in Cheung Sha Wan located](#)

A man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan has been located.

Tam Fong, aged 91, was last seen at a hospital on Wing Hong Street in the small hours of November 30. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located at a hotel on Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei this morning (December 3).

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## Operator fined for illegal club operation

A woman was fined \$4,500 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (December 3) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in May this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Pennington Street in Causeway Bay, which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

OLA officers posed as customers and patronised the club for food without being asked to show their membership status or being invited to join the club as members. Condition 12 of the CoC was breached. The woman, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action will continue to be taken against illegal club operations.

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## CMAB to participate in SmartBiz Expo 2019 to promote Greater Bay Area opportunities

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) will participate in the SmartBiz Expo 2019 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) from tomorrow (December 4) to December 6 to promote the opportunities arising from the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The CMAB booth showcasing the latest developments about the GBA and relevant information will be located at Hall 1B (Booth 1B – D02). Local young entrepreneurs will be invited to share their experiences in starting businesses in the GBA. Details of the sharing sessions are as follows:

Date and time	Speakers
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December 4 at 11am	Co-founder of Guangdong Shining Farm Company Limited, Mr Victor Lo
December 5 at 3.30pm	Chairman of ARTRO Digital Limited, Mr Wiva Wei
December 6 at 3.30pm	Founder of Jarvis Pay Limited, Mr Samson Ho

In addition, there will be GBA-themed interactive games set up in the booth and souvenirs will be distributed while stocks last.

For more information about the GBA, please visit the dedicated website ([www.bayarea.gov.hk/en/home](http://www.bayarea.gov.hk/en/home)). For further details and pre-registration of the Expo, please visit the HKTDC's website ([www.hktdc.com/smartbizexpo](http://www.hktdc.com/smartbizexpo)).