

Sick person in custody dies in public hospital

A sick 40-year-old male person in custody at Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution died in a public hospital today (November 9).

The person in custody suffered from tuberculosis. He required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital. On October 30, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to physical discomfort and was later diagnosed with anemia and sepsis. During hospitalisation, his condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 8.52am today.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of theft in October 2019.

Transcript of remarks by SCMA at media session on District Council Election

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, at a media session today (November 9) after attending a radio programme:

Reporter: We have the sense that the arrest of the pan-democrats...because it is a very sensitive moment. What do you think of that? Are you worried that this will lead to more radical reactions and affect the upcoming election?

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: There is no correlation between the two. The Police is doing their job by investigating every individual case and taking appropriate actions when ready. Regarding the District Council Election, as I have made the Government's position very clear, we have a very clear objective to have the District Council Election, which is a very important one, be conducted smoothly and peacefully. This calls for the concerted effort of the whole community. Of course, the Government will do our job but it is very important for the whole community to calm down and to stop violence, so that we could have a relatively peaceful environment for the candidates and their supporters to do their campaigns. Also, on the polling day, the electors can feel safe to go to the polling stations to cast their votes. Of course, we will do all the necessary contingency measures and try our very best to have this very important election be conducted smoothly and peacefully.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

DSD to hold open days at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) will hold open days at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works on November 16 and 17 (Saturday and Sunday), from 9.30am to 5pm.

The two-day event marks the finale of the department's 30th anniversary celebration, with the theme "30 Years of Groundwork, Embracing a New Age" and featuring the "4Rs": review of the DSD's 30 years, revitalisation of rivers and nullahs, rehabilitation of ageing drains and sewers, and relocation of the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns.

It will be the first open days held at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works since 2009. Through guided tours, exhibition panels and a model display, visitors can have a better understanding of the department's development and effort over the years, as well as the work done on flood prevention, sewage treatment, and combating and mitigating climate change. The open days will also include other entertaining and educational programmes, such as stage performances, game booths, science talks, a photo-taking corner and food trucks.

A presentation ceremony will be held on the first day of the event for the sewage tunnel of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, which is being recognised by Guinness World Records as the deepest urban sewage system installed tunnel.

Admission to the event is free of charge. Free shuttle bus services will be provided at the following locations on both days from 9.15am to 4pm at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes. Return trips from the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works will also be available:

- * Pick-up/drop-off area at Cheung Yee Street near MTR Lai Chi Kok Station Exit D2; and
- * Pick-up/drop-off area at Mei Lai Road near MTR Mei Foo Station Exit C1.

Information on the open days is available at the DSD's website (www.dsd.gov.hk/OpenDay). For enquiries, please call 3484 9346 during office hours.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (November 9).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

Lai Chi Kok Park Skatepark opens (with photos)

The skatepark in Lai Chi Kok Park under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been converted into an international-standard skatepark and opened for public use today (November 9).

The skatepark, covering about 1 600 square metres, provides diversified street element obstacles like ledges, stairs and rails. There is also a bowl suitable for skateboarding, aggressive inline skating, freestyle scootering and freestyle BMX. The skatepark is the first international standard skate plaza in Hong Kong certified by Street League Skateboarding, making it not only a high-quality venue for the community to engage in physical activity, but also a desirable training ground for Hong Kong skateboarding athletes to prepare for international competitions.

The skatepark in Lai Chi Kok Park is open from 7am to 10pm daily.

For enquiries, please contact the venue staff at 2307 0429, or visit the

LCSD website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/index.html).

