

CAD reminds the public not to operate UAS or exhibit laser light in vicinity of airport

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) noticed that there are online posts about expressing views at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) on Sunday (September 1), in which operating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and exhibiting laser light in the vicinity of the HKIA are mentioned. The CAD today (August 30) reminds the public not to operate UAS or exhibit laser light in the area of the HKIA and in its vicinity (including 5km of the aerodrome) to avoid contravening the law and jeopardising aviation safety.

UAS are classified as aircraft and are governed, as far as aviation safety is concerned, by the civil aviation legislation. Article 48 of the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448C) stipulates that a person who recklessly or negligently causes or permits an aircraft (including an UAS and a model plane) to endanger any person or property is liable to prosecution, and upon conviction, to a fine and to imprisonment for two years.

Moreover, under section 35 of the Airport Authority Bylaw (Cap. 483A), no person shall, within the Bylaw Area, fly a model plane (including UAS). Offenders shall be liable on conviction to a maximum penalty of a fine of HK\$50,000 and imprisonment for six months. Under section 3 of the Airport Authority Bylaw, the Bylaw Area shall comprise – (i) all the Restricted Area; (ii) all that portion of the Airport Area no part of which is either in the Restricted Area or on any road or length of road; and (iii) all the designated roads, but shall not include any area within an area referred to in paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) which is also within the MTR Area.

Shining laser light at aircraft in flight also poses serious hazard to aviation safety. According to the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448C), exhibiting light (including laser light) that endangers aircraft is an offence. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a fine.

Aviation safety is crucial to the public and the passengers. The CAD and the Airport Authority Hong Kong will closely monitor the situation and take appropriate measures and actions to ensure aviation safety.

Legal requirement for organising religious-related public order event

It was mistakenly circulated on the Internet that Letter of No Objection

is not required for organising public procession for religious purpose.

Police today (August 30) reiterated that according to the Public Order Ordinance, it is not necessary to notify the Police for conducting public meeting for religious purpose. However, anyone who plans to organise a public procession for religious purpose with more than 30 participants, he or she still needs to notify the Police in accordance with Section 13 of the Public Order Ordinance.

SLW encourages young people to join Youth Employment and Training Programme

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, has encouraged young people to join the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP) of the Labour Department (LD) to seize every opportunity for self-enhancement and boost their competitiveness in employment.

Officiating at the Award Ceremony of YETP Most Improved Trainees 2019 cum Concert co-organised by the LD and Radio 2 of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) tonight (August 30), Dr Law said that over the years the LD has been providing one-stop pre-employment and on-the-job training through the YETP for young people with a view to helping them unleash their full potential in employment. To cater for the needs of the labour market and the young people, new pre-employment training courses will be rolled out under the YETP in the coming Programme Year 2019/20 to equip young people with new job-specific skills and improve their chances of joining the industries they wish to be part of.

"Among the awardees this year are a secondary school graduate who has entered the banking industry through a large-scale recruitment day under the YETP, a youth who joined a green business start-up for a taste of entrepreneurship, and a trainee who has made full use of his knowledge in mechanics to set foot in the railway industry through the YETP. There are also trainees who have transformed their passions in music, aircraft and model cars into competitive edges and built up their career paths in the music, aircraft maintenance and automobile repair industries," Dr Law said.

Dr Law pointed out that apart from the trainees' own hard work, the concerted efforts of employers and training bodies supportive of the programme are indispensable in helping trainees apply their own interests and skills in career development. He expressed the hope that every sector of the community would continue to work together to create an environment with different opportunities for young people so that they can envision a brighter

future.

The award ceremony and concert co-organised by the LD and RTHK was themed "Dream Journey with YETP". The awards were presented to 10 outstanding trainees who achieved significant improvements in personal development, leadership or work performance during the training period. Moreover, 12 other trainees have been selected for the Merit Awards so as to encourage more young people to work hard in realising their career goals and dreams.

The YETP is open to young school leavers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree level or below. Trainees who are undergoing pre-employment training or who have completed the workplace attachment training are eligible for a training allowance. Enrolment is free of charge on a year-round basis. For details, please visit the YETP's website at www.yes.labour.gov.hk. The LD has also set up a Youth Employment Services hotline 2112 9932 to provide a one-stop enquiry service on the programme and register training vacancies provided by interested employers.

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled high-value products \(with photos\)](#)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 29) conducted an anti-smuggling operation and seized about 30 000 suspected smuggled goods with an estimated market value of about \$2.71 million at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point and at a village house in San Tin. The seizure includes smart phones, integrated circuits, fountain pens and facial masks.

Customs earlier conducted an in-depth investigation on a smuggling syndicate and took enforcement action yesterday. Customs officers first intercepted three outbound private vehicles at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point and found a batch of suspected smuggled smart phones and fountain pens in false compartments of the vehicles.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers seized another batch of smart phones, integrated circuits, fountain pens and facial masks at a village house in San Tin, which was used as a storage, and in a private vehicle parked outside the premises.

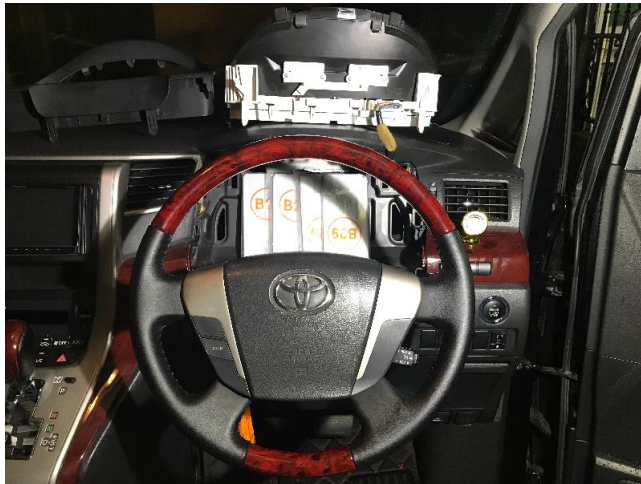
In the operation, five men and four women aged between 25 and 62 were arrested and four private vehicles were detained.

An investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance,

any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

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



CHP investigates case of severe paediatric enterovirus infection

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (August 30) investigating a case of severe paediatric enterovirus (EV) infection, and again urged the public and institutions to maintain strict hand, personal and environmental hygiene.

The case involves a 3-month-old baby boy, with good past health, who presented with fever, cough, runny nose, decreased appetite and rash since August 20. He was taken to the Accident and Emergency Department of Tseung Kwan O Hospital for medical attention on the same day and was admitted for management. The patient's condition remained stable and he was discharged on August 25.

Laboratory tests of his cerebrospinal fluid specimen were positive for Coxsackievirus A6. The clinical diagnosis was meningitis.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient had no recent travel history and his home contacts have remained asymptomatic so far. Investigations are ongoing.

A spokesman for the CHP said that as EV infection is transmitted by direct contact with nose and throat discharges, the public should be vigilant and observe the following preventive measures:

- Wash hands before eating and after going to the toilet and changing diapers;
- Cover the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing;
- Maintain good ventilation; and
- Thoroughly clean toys or appliances which are contaminated by nasal or oral secretions.

Children suffering from EV infection should stay at home and avoid contact with other children until they have recovered.

The public may visit the CHP's page on [hand, foot and mouth disease and EV71 infection](#) for more information.