

Appeal for information on missing man in Sau Mau Ping (with photo)

Police today (August 22) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Sau Mau Ping.

Lam Pui, aged 84, went missing after he left his residence in Choi Ha Estate on yesterday afternoon (August 21). His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.57 metres tall, 41 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a square face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, blue sports shoes, gold-rimmed glasses and carrying a brown rucksack.

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 East on 3661 0316 or 9886 0060 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Police appeal for information on fatal traffic accident in Sau Mau Ping

Police today (August 20) appealed to the public for information on a fatal traffic accident in Sau Mau Ping on August 13 in which a 60-year-old woman died.

At about 4.58pm that day, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 68-year-old man was travelling along Lee On Road eastbound. When approaching Shun Chi Street, it reportedly knocked down the 60-year-old woman who was

crossing the road.

Sustaining head injuries, the woman was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 12.44pm on August 20.

The driver was arrested for careless driving after the accident. He has been released on bail pending further enquiries and is required to report back to Police in mid-September.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon East is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2305 7570 or 2305 7500.

Statement by Education Bureau

Regarding comments alleging the Education Bureau (EDB) openly calling on teachers to tell lies and avoid answering controversial questions by suggesting they reply "I do not know" or "I do not understand either" when being asked questions that cannot be answered in a set of guidelines on commencement of the new school year, a spokesman for the EDB today (August 22) responded that the allegation is entirely a misinterpretation of the guidelines, which have been quoted out of context.

The spokesman said that the social incidents in recent months may affect the emotions of students and teachers, and that students may also be in emotional distress when encountering various changes in the new school year. In this connection, the EDB has compiled relevant resources to provide guidelines on how to take care of teachers' and students' emotions. The relevant suggestion is one of the points mentioned in the guidelines to help students ease their emotions. According to professional advice from psychologists, teachers need not feel obliged to provide answers for all matters currently ongoing, so as to avoid putting too much pressure on themselves. They should also avoid speculating on unverified information which might cause anxiety. Other key points in the guidelines include teachers should take care of themselves first, collect their thoughts, and remind themselves to analyse issues from different perspectives in a neutral and objective manner.

The spokesman stressed that the above-mentioned guidelines are not a teaching guide. The EDB believes that when discussing controversial issues, teachers as professional educators will consider appropriate methods which match students' learning and development stages, and adopt diversified materials and do analysis from different perspectives to help students develop rational and objective analytical and inductive skills, and to express views in a peaceful, rational, and respectful manner.

The spokesman called on individual groups or persons not to intentionally misinterpret the guidelines on managing emotions as an appeal to teachers to tell lies, which is completely unconstructive in taking care of the emotions of teachers and students.

Cake sample found to contain excessive *Bacillus cereus*

â€‹The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (August 22) announced that a cake sample was found to contain an excessive amount of *Bacillus cereus*, a pathogen. The CFS is following up on the case.

A CFS spokesman said, "Following up on a food complaint, the CFS collected the above-mentioned sample from a bakery in Kwai Chung for testing. The test result showed that the sample contained *Bacillus cereus* at a level of 210 000 per gram. Under the Microbiological Guidelines for Food, if ready-to-eat food contains *Bacillus cereus* at a level of more than 100 000 per gram, it is considered unsatisfactory."

The spokesman said that the CFS had informed the vendor concerned of the unsatisfactory test result, and provided health education on food safety and hygiene to the person-in-charge and staff of the bakery. The CFS has also requested it to review and improve the food production and storage process and carry out thorough cleaning and disinfection.

According to Section 54 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132), all food available for sale in Hong Kong, locally produced or imported, should be fit for human consumption. An offender is subject to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Bacillus cereus is commonly found in the environment. Unhygienic conditions in food processing and storage may give rise to its growth. Consuming food contaminated with excessive *Bacillus cereus* or its heat-stable toxins may cause gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting and diarrhoea.

The CFS will continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action in order to safeguard public health and food safety.

CFS finds Salmonella in rice sample with minced meat and fried egg

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (August 22) that a sample of rice with minced meat and fried egg was found to contain a pathogen, Salmonella. The CFS is following up on the case.

"Following up on a food complaint, the CFS collected the above-mentioned sample from a staff canteen on Lantau Island for testing. The test result showed the presence of Salmonella in 25 grams of the sample, exceeding the criterion of the Microbiological Guidelines for Food, which states that Salmonella should not be detected in 25 grams of a ready-to-eat food sample," a CFS spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the CFS had notified the premises concerned of the unsatisfactory test result and instructed it to stop selling the food item concerned immediately. The CFS has also provided health education on food safety and hygiene to the person-in-charge and staff of the premises, and requested them to review and improve the food production process and carry out a thorough cleaning and disinfection.

"Salmonella infection may cause fever and gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea. The effects on infants, young children, the elderly and patients with a weak immune system could be more severe and may even lead to death," the spokesman said.

The CFS will continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action to safeguard food safety and public health.