

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit and smuggled goods (with photo)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs seized about 570 000 tablets of suspected counterfeit and smuggled medicines, and about 15 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$7.8 million from a container at the Customs Cargo Examination Compound of the River Trade Terminal in Tuen Mun on August 10.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected a 40-foot container arriving in Hong Kong from Huangpu, Guangdong, destined for Kuwait. Upon inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected counterfeit and smuggled medicines and suspected counterfeit goods, including leather goods, clothing and footwear in the container.

An investigation is ongoing.

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

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 counterfeiting and smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 19 temporary night heat shelters tonight (August 12) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 19 night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western –

Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –

Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –

Lei Tung Community Hall
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –

Wan Chai Activities Centre
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –

Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –

Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate

Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –

Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands –

Tung Chung Community Hall
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building,
39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –

Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –

Cheung Wah Community Hall
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –

Hang Hau Community Hall
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –

Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –

Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –

Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –
Tin Yiu Community Centre
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

The temporary night heat shelters will resume their functions as either community centres or community halls in the daytime for hire by the local community and cannot continue to be open as heat shelters. People may choose to take refuge from the heat during the daytime in the common areas in any of the 20 designated community centres or community halls. Their opening hours are from 9am to 10pm. For addresses of the community centres or community halls, please browse the following webpage:
www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf.

SCS exchanges views with university interns (with photo)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, today (August 12) met with university students participating in the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme to learn about their internship experience.

Mr Law said, "The Civil Service Bureau has organised the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme for years. We have increased the number of internship places to more than 60 this year, offering more opportunities for students who are committed to serving the community to get some hands-on experience of working in the Government, thereby facilitating their future life planning.

"Administrative Officers (AOs) are regularly posted to different bureaux and departments, assisting in the formulation of government policies, as well as co-ordinating and monitoring the implementation of programmes. Under the changing social environment over the years, civil servants, in particular AOs, have always played a pivotal role in the Government and contributed to different areas of work in the Government.

"Every year we see keen competition in the AO recruitment exercise. We received over 15 000 applications last year and finally appointed some 30 AOs. The new round of the AO recruitment exercise will commence in September. I encourage students who are committed to serving the community to actively consider applying for government jobs, including the post of AO, to contribute with their knowledge, wisdom and ability."

This year, a total of 64 Hong Kong students studying in local and non-local universities have been posted to 21 government bureaux and departments, taking up duties similar in nature to those of AOs. The participants are

generally of the view that the internship programme has enabled them to see for themselves the Government's operation and the variety of work of AOs, and allowed them to gain a more in-depth understanding of public administration.



EPD awards design, build and operate contract for O·PARK2

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (August 12) announced that, following an open tender process, AJA Joint Venture has won the contract to design, build and operate the Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2 (O·PARK2).

"The practice of disposing of a large amount of food waste at landfills is neither sustainable nor environmentally desirable and also depletes the limited landfill space. We need to develop modern recovery centres to recycle and convert source-separated food waste into useful resources including energy," an EPD spokesperson said.

O·PARK2 will be located at Sha Ling in North District and occupy an area of approximately 2.5 hectares. O·PARK2 will be able to treat 300 tonnes of food waste daily and produce biogas, which is a form of renewable energy. In addition to providing electricity and heat for the facilities in O·PARK2, the surplus biogas will be used for production of town gas or electricity to be fed into the power grids of the power companies. Furthermore, O·PARK2 will produce about 10 000 tonnes of compost annually, of which some will be reserved for use by government departments, farmers and members of the public for free.

O·PARK2 is expected to be commissioned in 2022 and the contract includes a 15-year operation period. With the commissioning of O·PARK2, the decrease in use of fossil fuels for electricity generation together with the reduced amount of organic waste being sent to landfills will prevent the emission of some 67 000 tonnes of greenhouse gases, and reduce the amount of food waste to be disposed of at landfills by about 110 000 tonnes annually.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, August 12, 2019 is 106.7 (same as last Saturday's index).

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