

Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should rest in a cool or shady place and drink water immediately. They should also inform their supervisors to take appropriate actions.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Sterility results on suspected counterfeit vaccines announced

The Department of Health (DH) today (August 7) announced that samples of suspected counterfeit human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines seized last month were found to have failed the sterility test.

The DH and Hong Kong Customs conducted joint operations at two medical centres on July 10 and July 12 respectively during which suspected counterfeit HPV vaccines were seized in both premises. Interim analytical results were announced on July 24 indicating that no hazardous impurities were detected in the samples. However, report of the sterility test issued by an accredited laboratory this afternoon indicated that the samples have failed the relevant tests, revealing the doubtful quality of the products.

"Failure of sterility test means that the samples may be contaminated with micro-organisms which may pose risk to those who have been administered with the products," a DH spokesman said.

According to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132), any person who supplies a drug which is not of the nature or quality demanded by the purchaser shall be guilty of an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$10,000 and an imprisonment for three months.

The DH and Customs will proceed with prosecution matters in accordance with the advice from the Department of Justice.

"So far, the DH has not received any report on adverse reactions related to the HPV vaccines supplied by the two medical centres. People who have received HPV vaccines from the two medical centres are urged to seek advice from healthcare professionals if they are in doubt or feeling unwell. In addition, registered healthcare professionals are urged to only procure registered pharmaceutical products from licensed wholesale dealers," the spokesman said.

CE inspects public markets and police facilities (with photos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (August 7) inspected the site for the new public market at Tin Shui Wai and reviewed the progress of the improvement works of Tai Wai Market. She also took the opportunity to go to the Tin Shui Wai Police Station to learn more about the damage to its facilities and visit the police officers of the district.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, Mrs Lam went to a section of Tin Fuk Road outside the Tin Shui Wai MTR Station, which is the chosen site for the new Tin Shui Wai Market. The site, close to the MTR station and a public transport interchange, is convenient for local residents to buy fresh food. According to the preliminary planning, which has taken into account suggestions made by the Yuen Long District Council, at least 120 stalls including cooked food stalls will be available in the new market. The Food and Health Bureau, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Architectural Services Department have been working closely with other relevant departments to take the project forward and will continue to consult local residents.

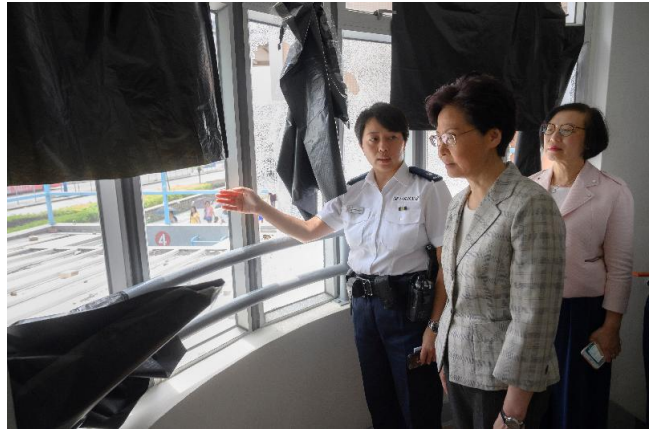
Mrs Lam and Professor Chan also took the opportunity to visit police officers at Tin Shui Wai Police Station. She noted that part of the police station was damaged while besieged by violent protestors recently. The damage included windows on a number of floors. The Chief Executive thanked colleagues of the force for striving to enforce law and order under extremely difficult conditions.

They then went to Tai Wai Market to inspect the progress of works to install an air-conditioning system at the market. Tai Wai Market was commissioned in 1985 and the installation of the air-conditioning system has long been an improvement measure anticipated by stall operators in the market and residents. Funding was approved by the Legislative Council last year, with works commencing in early May this year. It is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2020. The Chief Executive chatted with the stall operators and thanked them for their help in enabling good works progress.

Proposed in the Chief Executive's maiden Policy Address in 2017, Tin Shui Wai Market is one of the markets to be built based on a new thinking on governance to offer wider choices of fresh provisions for residents. The 2018 Policy Address also announced that studies on site selection had been completed. In addition, it was proposed that the current-term Government would conduct a comprehensive review of the operation of existing public markets and formulate specific improvement measures for both the facilities and their management, including rolling out the Market Modernisation Programme as soon as possible to improve the environment of public markets.

"I will put forward more measures to improve people's livelihoods in the upcoming 2019 Policy Address. Public consultation on the Policy Address is underway and members of the public are welcome to give their views," Mrs Lam said.

During the visit, Mrs Lam chatted with a number of residents who expressed to her their diverse views on various social issues.



Missing woman in Sham Shui Po located

A woman who went missing in Sham Shui Po has been located.

Hui Yuet-ming, aged 44, went missing after she left her residence on Boundary Street on July 23 morning. Her family made a report to Police on July 29.

The woman was located on Boundary Street yesterday (August 6) afternoon. She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.