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.

<u>Island West Transfer Station</u> <u>temporarily closed</u>

Attention TV/Radio Announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals::

The Environmental Protection Department announced today (July 26) that due to fire incident yesterday, the Island West Transfer Station in Kennedy Town will be temporarily closed for essential checking.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 24) seized about 1.6 kilograms of suspected heroin at Hong Kong International Airport with an estimated market value of about \$1.5 million.

A male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

yesterday. During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected heroin was found concealed in his checked-in baggage. The man was then arrested.

The arrested man, aged 21, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (July 26).

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

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



Missing boy in Tuen Mun located

A boy who went missing in Tuen Mun was located.

Sze Wa-yan, aged 15, went missing after he left his residence at Siu Lam Tsuen on July 4 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The boy turned up at Tai Po Police Station to cancel the missing person report today (July 25) afternoon. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Man arrested for suspected illegal sale of unregistered pharmaceutical product (with photo)

The Department of Health (DH) and the Police today (July 25) conducted a joint operation, during which a 62-year-old man was arrested for suspected illegal sale of an unregistered pharmaceutical product and Part 1 poison.

Acting upon intelligence, the DH purchased a sample of a topical product named Xingfuhuli Plant Essential Oil at a retail stall in Ap Lei Chau for analysis. Test results from the Government Laboratory revealed that the sample contained diclofenac, which is a Part 1 poison controlled under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap 138).

Diclofenac is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug which can be used topically to relieve pain. It should be supplied at pharmacies under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Inappropriate use of diclofenac may cause erythema and dermatitis. Pharmaceutical products should be used under the advice of healthcare professionals.

The DH's investigation is continuing.

According to the Ordinance, all pharmaceutical products must be registered with the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Hong Kong before they can be legally sold in the market. Illegal sale or possession of unregistered pharmaceutical products and Part 1 poisons are criminal offences. The maximum penalty for each offence is a fine of \$100,000 and two years' imprisonment.

All registered pharmaceutical products carry a Hong Kong registration number on the package in the format HK-XXXXX. The safety, quality and efficacy of unregistered pharmaceutical products are not guaranteed.

A spokesman for the DH urged members of the public not to buy or use products of doubtful composition or from unknown sources. People who have purchased the above product should stop using it and consult healthcare professionals if they are in doubt or feeling unwell after use. They can submit the product to the DH's Drug Office at Room 1856, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, during office hours for disposal.

