

Missing woman in Kowloon City located

A woman who went missing in Kowloon City was located.

Yeung Chor-bing, aged 69, went missing after she left an elderly home on Waterloo Road on July 17 night. Staff of the elderly home made a report to Police on the same day.

The woman was located in a restaurant on Boundary Street in Mong Kok today (July 19) afternoon. She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Mainland and HKSAR sign Fifth Protocol to Arrangement for Avoidance of Double Taxation (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, signed the Fifth Protocol to the Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income with the Commissioner of the State Taxation Administration, Mr Wang Jun, in Beijing today (July 19).

Mr Chan said, "We are very pleased to sign with the Mainland the Fifth Protocol to the Arrangement, which will provide tax relief to qualified Hong Kong and Mainland teachers and researchers working on the other side. This would promote training, exchanges of talents and co-operation between the two places, and further drive the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area."

The Fifth Protocol adds a new teachers and researchers article to the Arrangement. With this new article, a qualified teacher or researcher, who is employed in Hong Kong or the Mainland and engages in teaching and research activities on the other side, shall be exempt from taxation on that other side for a period of three years, provided that the relevant income has been subject to tax on the side where the person concerned is employed.

In addition, the Fifth Protocol incorporates into the Arrangement measures to prevent tax treaty abuse, which form part of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting package promulgated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in October 2015, to ensure that the Arrangement

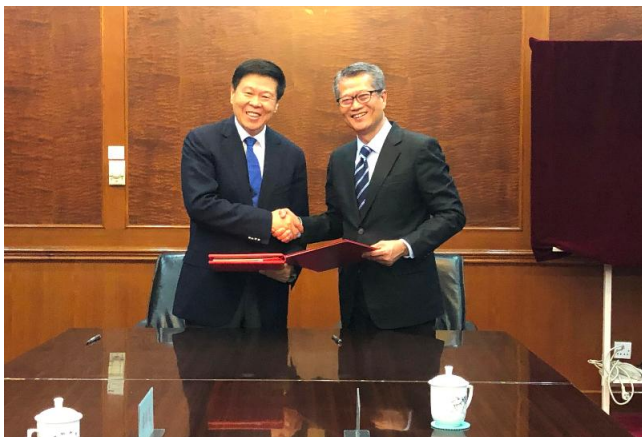
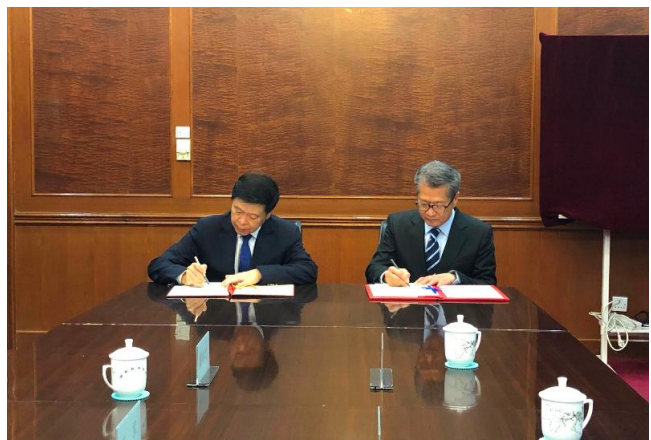
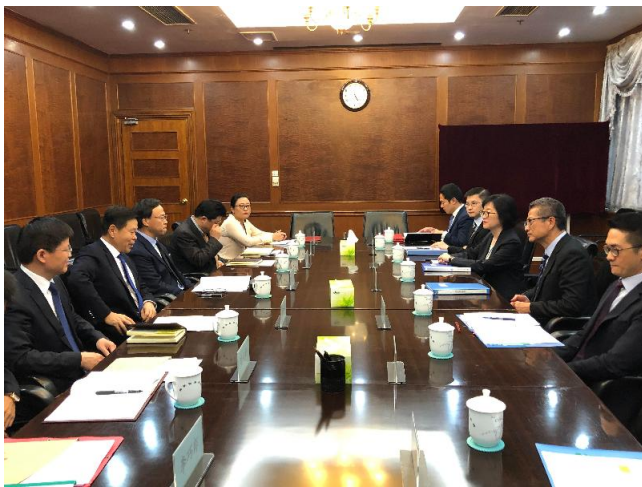
follows the latest international standard.

The Fifth Protocol will come into force after the completion of ratification procedures and notification by both sides. In the case of Hong Kong, after an order is made by the Chief Executive in Council under the Inland Revenue Ordinance for the Fifth Protocol, the order will be presented to the Legislative Council for negative vetting.

Details of the Fifth Protocol (Chinese version only) are available on the website of the Inland Revenue Department at www.ird.gov.hk/chi/pdf/Fifth_Protocol_Mainland_HongKong.pdf.

The Arrangement (including the Protocol) was signed by the Mainland and Hong Kong on August 21, 2006, and entered into force on December 8, 2006. The Arrangement brings a greater degree of certainty on taxation liabilities for those who engage in cross-boundary business activities in the Mainland and Hong Kong, and helps promote bilateral trade and investment. The Mainland and Hong Kong further signed the Second Protocol, the Third Protocol and the Fourth Protocol to the Arrangement in 2008, 2010 and 2015 respectively to refine the Arrangement.

Before the signing of the Fifth Protocol, Mr Chan met with Mr Wang and discussed tax matters of mutual interest.



OGCIO releases locations, functions and equipment list of smart lampposts

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) today (July 19) released a list of the locations, functions and equipment of the 50 smart lampposts which have been installed so far. The aim is to enable the public to have an objective and better understanding of the functions and applications of the lampposts. Information on lamppost locations and activated functions will be uploaded as open data to the Public Sector Information Portal (data.gov.hk) within next week.

These 50 lampposts are now in place on Sheung Yuet Road in Kowloon Bay and Shing Kai Road in Kai Tak and in the Kwun Tong city centre.

An OGCI0 spokesman said that information on any new batch of smart lampposts to be installed or functions to be added to the lampposts in future will also be released to the public with the same level of transparency.

Update on dengue fever and chikungunya fever

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (July 19) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF) and chikungunya fever (CF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

A. Dengue fever

From July 12 to 18, the CHP recorded seven imported DF cases. The patients had been to Cambodia (two cases), Malaysia (two epidemiologically linked cases), Indonesia (one case), Nepal (one case) and multiple countries (one case, who had been to Cambodia and Laos) during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (July 18), 84 cases had been recorded this year, all of which were imported. The cases were mainly imported from Malaysia (17), Thailand (15) and Indonesia (13).

The CHP has been closely monitoring the latest DF situation in neighbouring and overseas areas. DF is endemic in many tropical and subtropical areas of the world. Detailed information on the latest DF situation in Hong Kong as well as neighbouring and overseas countries and

areas this year has been uploaded to the CHP's website (www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/df_imported_cases_and_overseas_figures_eng.pdf).

According to the [ovitrap data](#) from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the monthly ovitrap index for *Aedes albopictus* rose from 11 per cent in May to 16 per cent in June, indicating that mosquito infestation was slightly more extensive in the areas surveyed. Members of the public, especially residents in areas with extensive mosquito infestation, should stay vigilant and carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures.

“Apart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from areas affected by DF should apply insect repellent for 14 days upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor,” a spokesman for the CHP said.

B. Chikungunya fever

From July 12 to 18, the CHP confirmed one CF case. The patient had been to Thailand (epidemiologically linked to the cluster of three cases recorded last week) during the incubation period. Apart from this cluster of four CF cases who had travelled to Thailand together during the incubation period, no other confirmed CF cases were recorded in Hong Kong in 2019.

CF is a mosquito-borne disease caused by the chikungunya virus. It is clinically characterised by fever frequently accompanied by joint pain. Other common signs and symptoms include muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash. Joint pain is often very debilitating, but usually lasts for a few days or may be prolonged for weeks. Most patients recover fully, but in some cases joint pain may persist for several months, or even years.

Chikungunya virus is transmitted to humans by mosquito bites. Although one vector, *Aedes aegypti*, is not found in Hong Kong, the other vector, *Aedes albopictus*, is widely distributed locally. These mosquitoes can be found biting throughout daylight hours, though there may be peaks of activity in the early morning and late afternoon.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-

sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public should call 1823 in case of mosquito problems and may visit the following pages for more information: the DF page of the [CHP](#) and the [Travel Health Service](#), the [CF page](#) of the CHP, the latest [Travel Health News, tips for using insect repellents](#), and the CHP [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

Second Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to Belt and Road Initiative held in Beijing

The second Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative was held in Beijing today (July 19). At the conference, the work launched by relevant Mainland ministries and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to take forward Hong Kong's full participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative after the first Joint Conference was looked at. There were exchanges on key initiatives, including the deliberation on the establishment of a Belt and Road-related dispute avoidance and resolution mechanism. Both sides agreed on fostering collaboration on policy exchanges and capacity building between the HKSAR Government and relevant Mainland

ministries.

The conference was convened by the HKSAR Government with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO) and other relevant Mainland ministries.

The Vice Chairman of the NDRC, Mr Ning Jizhe, attended the conference with the Deputy Secretary General of the NDRC, Mr Su Wei, who chaired the conference as the Convenor of the Joint Conference. Other Mainland authorities in attendance included the HKMAO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Transport, the People's Bank of China, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme People's Court.

HKSAR Government officials attending today's Conference were the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, and the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and Hong Kong-side Convenor of the Joint Conference, Mr Edward Yau. Representatives from the Department of Justice, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the Development Bureau, the Belt and Road Office of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and Invest Hong Kong also attended. Other attendees included representatives of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Insurance Authority and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC).

Ms Cheng said that Hong Kong can assume an important role as a deal maker and dispute resolver to serve the Belt and Road Initiative given that Hong Kong is privileged to have a sound and robust legal system, international arbitration and mediation legislation. The Department of Justice will continue to promote Hong Kong's dispute resolution services to the countries and regions along the Belt and Road, leading to high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr Yau pointed out that the HKSAR Government will strengthen co-operation with the relevant Mainland authorities on policy exchanges and capacity building, particularly to share, discuss and have interactive exchanges on the practices and experiences of Hong Kong on finance, commerce, foreign-related legal matters, dispute resolution, city management, aviation and transportation, professional services, anti-corruption, and so on. Such collaboration would enhance the professionalism of both sides. This exchange programme was proposed to be held once or twice a year in Hong Kong, and to be led by a Mainland ministry official at the director-general level.

The HKSAR Government also briefed the Conference on progress made in the past year on implementing the six key areas covered in the "Arrangement between the NDRC and the HKSAR Government for Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative" (the Arrangement). The areas include finance and investment, infrastructure and maritime services, economic and trade facilitation, people-to-people bonds, taking forward the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development and enhancing collaboration in project interfacing and dispute resolution services. Key progress of work includes the launching of the Green Bond Grant

Scheme, signing of Free Trade Agreements and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements with more trading partners, and expansion of Hong Kong's overseas Economic and Trade Office network as well as enhancement of the HKTDC's Belt and Road Portal.

The Arrangement, signed between the HKSAR Government and the NDRC in December 2017, serves as the principle and blueprint for Hong Kong's full participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative. The Joint Conference mechanism has been set up to follow up on the implementation of the Arrangement and meetings are convened at least once a year. The first Joint Conference was held on June 12, 2018, at which the HKSAR Government introduced the strategies for promoting Hong Kong's full participation in the Belt and Road Initiative and the Mainland authorities agreed to deepen co-operation in various key areas under the Arrangement.