

Appeal for information on missing woman in Sham Shui Po (with photo)

Police today (February 18) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Sham Shui Po.

Chan Wai-lin, aged 62, went missing after she left her residence in Fu Cheong Estate yesterday (February 17) afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.5 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. She was last seen wearing a pair of black-rimmed glasses, a blue jacket, a red long-sleeved shirt, black trousers and grey sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036, 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Full commissioning of Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link to take place this Sunday

After the completion of works for joining the Central-Wan Chai Bypass

and Island Eastern Corridor Link (CWB) to the Rumsey Flyover westbound, the CWB will be fully commissioned at 7am this Sunday (February 24).

Upon the full commissioning of the CWB, motorists travelling from Eastern District to Western District will be able to follow directional signs and get in the middle or fast lane before exiting the CWB tunnel, and then travel via Rumsey Street Flyover direct to Western District or the Western Harbour Crossing (WHC) instead of making a U-turn via the at-grade road of Connaught Road Central.

The Transport Department (TD) said that directional signs and road markings near the CWB entrance on the Island Eastern Corridor (IEC) in North Point, at the entrance at Tsing Fung Street and the exit in Central will be suitably updated to give motorists guidance on the new traffic routes. Sufficient distance has been allowed in the road design as well as on the road lanes to enable motorists to take heed of the directional signs and get in the appropriate lanes.

Meanwhile, the TD earlier arranged for professional drivers (via the trade) to test drive the CWB westbound, as well as showing them the directional signs and road markings to be updated. The TD, the Highways Department and the Police also briefed the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Central and Western District Council about the traffic arrangements to tie in with the full commissioning of the CWB.

After receiving feedback from the professional drivers, the District Council and members of the public, the engineering team has further enhanced the arrangements for the directional signs and road markings, and these works will be completed before the full commissioning of the CWB westbound.

The TD anticipates that upon the full commissioning of the CWB, most of the motorists travelling to Western District and the WHC via the IEC westbound, or from the vicinity of Tin Hau, will make use of the CWB. The traffic conditions of the existing trunk roads including Gloucester Road, Harcourt Road and Connaught Road Central will thus be improved.

A video showing the traffic route from the IEC (North Point section) to Western District via the CWB upon the commissioning of the CWB is now available at the [TD's YouTube channel](#). Members of the public can obtain details of the traffic and transport arrangements of the CWB through TD's mobile application "HKeMobility" or the [TD's website](#), or call 1823 for enquiries.

[SDEV visits Kwai Tsing District \(with](#)

photos)

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, visited Kwai Tsing District this afternoon (February 18) to learn more about the latest developments and needs of the community. He also met with local District Council members to exchange views on district matters.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Kwai Tsing District Council, Mr Law King-shing, and the District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Mr Kenneth Cheng, Mr Wong first called at Cheung Ching Estate in Tsing Yi to gain a better understanding of the proposed future planning and development plan for Ching Hong Road North and its adjoining areas. This includes a public housing development, reprovisioning of the Cheung Ching Community Centre, and exploring the "single site, multiple use" model for multi-storey developments on government land to provide more community facilities and make optimal use of land resources.

He then proceeded to the Pok Oi Hospital Dental Service Support Base in Cheung Ching Community Centre. He toured the facilities of the Support Base and chatted with elderly people there to learn about their daily lives and needs.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Wong met with members of the Kwai Tsing District Council to listen to their views and suggestions on the work of the Government. They also exchanged views on issues of concern to local residents.



Three illegal workers jailed

Three illegal workers comprising a Nepali and two Bangladeshis were jailed at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on February 15.

During a joint operation conducted by the Immigration Department (ImmD) and the Hong Kong Police Force codenamed "Champion" on February 12, enforcement officers raided a restaurant in Sha Tin and the Airport Freight Forwarding Centre. A male Nepali illegal worker and a Bangladeshi illegal worker, aged 34 and 33, were arrested. When intercepted they were working as a dishwasher and conveying goods respectively. Upon identity checking, they both produced for inspection recognisance forms issued by the ImmD which prohibit them from taking employment. Further investigation revealed that they were non-refoulement claimants. Meanwhile, one employer suspected of employing illegal worker was also arrested and the investigation is ongoing.

In addition, ImmD investigators received a referral from the Hong Kong Police Force to further investigate an illegal employment case in October 2018. Enforcement officers arrested a male Bangladeshi worker, aged 31, who was found conveying goods in Sha Tin. Upon identity checking, he produced for inspection a recognisance form issued by the ImmD, which prohibits him from taking employment. Further investigation revealed that he was a non-refoulement claimant. An employer suspected of employing the illegal worker was arrested and the investigation is ongoing.

The three illegal workers were charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on February 15 with taking employment after landing in Hong Kong unlawfully and remaining in Hong Kong without the authority of the Director of Immigration or while being a person in respect of whom a removal order or deportation order was in force. They were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from 15 months to 22 months and two weeks.

The ImmD spokesman warned that, as stipulated in section 38AA of the Immigration Ordinance, illegal immigrants or people who are the subject of a removal order or a deportation order are prohibited from taking any employment, whether paid or unpaid, or establishing or joining in any business. Offenders are liable upon conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and up to three years' imprisonment. The Court of Appeal has issued a guideline ruling that a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment should be applied in such cases.

The spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to the court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully

employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

Under the existing mechanism, the ImmD will, as a standard procedure, conduct initial screening on vulnerable persons, including illegal workers, illegal immigrants, sex workers and foreign domestic helpers, who are arrested during any operation, with a view to ascertaining whether they are trafficking in persons (TIP) victims. When any TIP indicator is revealed in the initial screening, the officers will conduct a full debriefing and identification by using a standardised checklist to ascertain the presence of TIP elements, such as threat and coercion in the recruitment phase and the nature of exploitation. Identified TIP victims will be provided with various forms of support and assistance, including urgent interference, medical services, counselling, shelter, temporary accommodation and other supporting services. The ImmD calls on TIP victims to report crimes to the relevant departments.

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized more than 700 suspected counterfeit goods, including some 500 mobile phones and 100 portable media players with an estimated market value of about \$700,000 in Tsing Yi on February 12.

Acting on information, Customs officers inspected 74 outbound express consignments destined for the United States and countries in Europe at an express courier service centre in Tsing Yi. Upon inspection, the batch of suspected counterfeit goods was seized among those consignments.

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.

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

