

## Update on cluster of Parainfluenza Virus Type 2 cases in Siu Lam Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Parainfluenza Virus Type 2 in a male ward for severe intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital gave the following update today (January 2):

One more 28-year-old patient in the ward presented with respiratory symptoms. An appropriate viral test was arranged for the patient and the test result was positive for Parainfluenza Virus Type 2. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

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## Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, January 2, 2018 is 104.5 (down 0.3 against Monday's index).

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## Missing man in Cheung Sha Wan located

A man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan was located.

Pan Jieguang, aged 78, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Cheung Sha Wan Station on December 30, 2018 morning. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located in a bus station on Aldrich Street yesterday (January 1) afternoon. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious

circumstances were detected.

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## AFCD to launch dog inoculation campaign at fishing ports

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will hold a dog inoculation campaign at various fishing ports in Hong Kong. Fishermen can have their dogs vaccinated against rabies and microchipped and the licences renewed.

AFCD mobile vaccination teams will visit the following fishing ports according to the schedule below:

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| Aberdeen     | January 9  |
| Shau Kei wan | January 16 |
| Sam Mun Tsai | January 18 |
| Sha Tau Kok  | January 23 |
| Cheung Chau  | January 23 |
| Castle Peak  | January 25 |
| Sai Kung     | January 28 |

The half-yearly dog inoculation campaign was launched in 1980 with the aim of providing a licensing renewal and rabies vaccination service for dogs kept by fishermen who work on board fishing vessels most of the time. The vaccination teams will visit the fishing ports from 10am to 3pm. A fee of \$80 will be charged for each dog. To date, more than 7 300 vaccinations have been given to dogs on fishing vessels.

An AFCD spokesman said that the service is one of the proactive measures to prevent rabies, a fatal disease that is transmitted to humans from animals. Dogs on board vessels that have visited overseas countries may have come in contact with other animals carrying diseases, making them more susceptible to rabies infection.

"Although Hong Kong has been free from animal rabies since 1987, we must remain vigilant to prevent any possible outbreak," the spokesman said.

Under the Rabies Ordinance, all dogs aged over five months must be vaccinated against rabies, licensed and microchipped. Dogs have to be revaccinated against rabies and their licences have to be renewed at

intervals not exceeding three years. Dog owners who fail to do so are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000.

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## MD launches mobile application “eSeaGo” to display chart information on Hong Kong waters

The Marine Department (MD) announced today (January 2) that a new mobile application, "eSeaGo", has been launched to display chart information on Hong Kong waters free of charge.

The "eSeaGo" app offers simple and convenient access. Users can download the chart information provided by the Hydrographic Office of the MD via the app. With the mobile device's positioning function, "eSeaGo" will assist sailing in Hong Kong waters. Meanwhile, the information provided on "eSeaGo" can also be read in an offline mode.

The "eSeaGo" app provides content and information in raster images which should not be used as a substitute for paper nautical charts or electronic navigational charts. The "eSeaGo" app is not designed to be used for navigational purposes or as a substitute for any navigational equipment that is required under applicable regulations or laws.

The "eSeaGo" app is available free of charge for Android and iPhone by downloading from Google Play and the App Store respectively. The app provides Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and English versions. For more information about other functions of "eSeaGo", please visit [www.hydro.gov.hk/eng/eseago.php](http://www.hydro.gov.hk/eng/eseago.php).

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