

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 2 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$2.2 million at Hong Kong International Airport on December 27 and yesterday (December 29).

A 41-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa on December 27. The man was found to be suspicious upon Customs clearance and was escorted to hospital for examination. The man later discharged about 1.2 kilograms of suspected cocaine. He was then arrested by Customs officers.

He was charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (December 31).

Also, a 28-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Sao Paulo, Brazil via Dubai, United Arab Emirates yesterday. During Customs clearance, the man discharged a pellet of suspected cocaine. He was then arrested. The man further discharged about 800 grams of suspected cocaine later. Investigation is ongoing.

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 the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



Government spokesman clarifies news report on Honours List

A newspaper published today (December 30) a report on the award of contract for Kai Tak Sports Park by the Government in which it claimed that the Chairman of the New World Development Company Limited, Dr Henry Cheng, was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in the first Honours List announced by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, after she assumed office. A spokesman for the Government stated that such report is untrue, and expressed deep regret over the misrepresentation therein.

The spokesman said that the award of GBM to Dr Cheng was published on June 30, 2017 in the 2017 Honours List during the tenure of the last term Government. The Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee responsible for the shortlisting of nominations for honours and awards was at the time chaired by Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung in his capacity as the Chief Secretary for Administration. The nominations were then recommended by the Selection Committee to the then Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung. Mrs Carrie Lam announced her first Honours List in her tenure as the Chief Executive on July 1, 2018.

HAD opens temporary cold shelters

In view of the cold weather, the Home Affairs Department has opened 18 temporary shelters today (December 30) for people in need of the service.

The temporary shelters will remain open during the daytime tomorrow (December 31) when the cold weather warning is still in force.

To ensure that cold shelter users can rest in a quiet and undisturbed environment, members of the public or agencies wishing to make donations to shelter users are requested to register with the staff of the shelter first. Donors will then be directed to place the donation items at a specified indoor location. The staff will help notify the shelter users to collect the items on their own.

Anyone seeking temporary refuge or with any questions about the donation arrangement in the cold shelters may call the department's hotline 2835 1473 for more information.

The 18 temporary cold shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western –

Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall

3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex, 2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –

Causeway Bay Community Centre

7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –

Lei Tung Community Hall

Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –

Wan Chai Activities Centre

LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –

Hung Hom Community Hall

1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices, 42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre

71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –

Nam Cheong District Community Centre

1 Cheong San Lane, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre

45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –

Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre

60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories:

Islands –

Tung Chung Community Hall

G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building,

39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –

Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre

15 Tai Wo Hau Road, Kwai Chung

North –

Cheung Wah Community Hall
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –

Hang Hau Community Hall
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –

Tai Po Community Centre
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –

Butterfly Bay Community Centre
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –

Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

LCSD urges public to keep venues clean during New Year's Eve

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (December 30) appealed to members of the public to keep venues clean and mind their safety while celebrating New Year's Eve.

The LCSD will work with other government departments to implement a series of measures on New Year's Eve to maintain cleanliness and safety at LCSD venues including Tamar Park, Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC) Piazza, Salisbury Garden, Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade, Middle Road Children's Playground, Tsim Sha Tsui East Waterfront Podium Garden and Urban Council Centenary Garden, where large crowds are expected to participate for countdown and celebration activities.

An LCSD spokesman said, "Our staff, together with the law enforcement teams of relevant departments, will step up patrols and take action against littering, illegal hawking and vandalism of public property.

"People are urged to keep places clean and tidy while celebrating New Year's Eve. Defacing and damaging public property is prohibited at all venues. People should take away all their belongings when departing the venues and should not leave trash behind. Those who litter will be liable to a fine of \$1,500.

"In crowded areas, people should remain calm and be mindful of their own safety," he added.

Meanwhile, the Avenue of Stars has been cordoned off due to major repair and improvement works. Notices have been posted to remind members of the public not to enter the cordoned area.

The public announcement systems at the HKCC will also broadcast anti-littering and crowd management messages in Cantonese, Putonghua and English on a regular basis during the holiday.

Clinic service during New Year Holiday

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

ã€ã€€The Hospital Authority (HA) today (December 30) announced that 13 general out-patient clinics (see table below) will remain open on New Year's Day (January 1). Members of the public are reminded to make advance booking through the telephone system as usual for an appointment.

ã€ã€€The HA spokesperson added that the accident and emergency (A&E) departments in public hospitals will also operate as usual during the holiday to serve patients with urgent medical needs. As public hospitals are in the winter service surge period, coupled with the expected increase in A&E attendance on the first working day following the holiday, A&E departments will accord priority treatment to patients with critical and emergency conditions as assessed under the established triage system, while semi-urgent and non-urgent patients might have to wait longer for consultation.

ã€ã€€The spokesperson appeals to members of the public for their understanding and co-operation while waiting in A&E departments for consultation. As an alternative, non-urgent patients are advised to consider seeking consultation at general out-patient clinics or clinics of private doctors. Members of the public are welcome to call the HA Infoline (2882 4866) for the service information on general out-patient clinics during the holiday, and also to browse the Primary Care Directory of the Department of Health at www.pcdirectory.gov.hk or download the mobile app "Primary Care

Directory" to find the family doctor and related clinic service information within the district.

To facilitate public understanding of public hospital services during the winter surge, the HA has launched a designated page on the website (www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en) and also the mobile app "HA Touch" to provide some key information including A&E waiting time, A&E attendances, medical in-patient bed occupancy rate and hyperlink to private healthcare services websites.

District	Name of Clinic	Telephone number for booking	General enquiry
Hong Kong Island	Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0077	2560 0211
	Violet Peel General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0000	3553 3116
	Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3543 5011	2555 0381
Kowloon	Kwun Tong Community Health Centre	3157 0687	2389 0331
	Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Family Medicine Clinic	3157 0118	2354 2267
	Robert Black General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0113	2383 3311
	Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0880	2272 2400
New Territories	Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0107	2614 4789
	Lek Yuen General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0972	2692 8730
	Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0965	2670 0211
	Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0906	2664 2039
	Tuen Mun Clinic	3543 0886	2452 9111
	Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre	3543 5007	2443 8511

Consultation hours:

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm