

Appeal for information on missing woman in Tin Sum (with photo)

Police today (December 4) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Tin Sum.

Lo Lai-chun, aged 86, went missing after she left Prince of Wales Hospital yesterday (December 3) morning. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.5 metres tall, 45 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a long face with yellow complexion and short greyish white hair. She was last seen wearing a light blue long-sleeved jacket, a dark grey long-sleeved T-shirt, black trousers and black leather 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 New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 5613 6963 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Electronics factory at Siu Lek Yuen in Sha Tin convicted again for excessive

industrial wastewater discharge

â€‹Compass Technology Company Limited, located at Chiaphua Industries Building in Siu Lek Yuen, Sha Tin, was caught again for discharging excessive industrial wastewater into a communal sewer. It was fined \$10,000 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (December 4) for contravening the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO). The company committed the same offence in December last year and was convicted and fined \$15,000 in June.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) spokesman said that enforcement officers conducted a follow-up inspection at the above factory in July this year and found that the concentration of copper in the industrial wastewater discharged from the factory still exceeded the WPCO licence by 2.3 times. After investigation and evidence gathering, the EPD initiated prosecution against the company again in accordance with the WPCO.

The spokesman explained that electronic component manufacturing factories will generate wastewater with heavy metal. Factories must install appropriate wastewater treatment facilities and maintain their effective operation to ensure that the effluent discharge meets the discharge standards as set out in the wastewater discharge licence before discharging into communal sewers. If its heavy metals concentration exceeds the standards, it will affect the operation and effectiveness of microbial treatment processes in sewage treatment plants, which will pollute the environment.

The EPD reminded all WPCO licensees that they should strictly adhere to the discharge standards of all pollutants as stipulated in the licence, and ensure proper operation of their wastewater treatment facilities. Anyone who discharges wastewater which exceeds the standard of the discharge licence commits an offence. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment.

Two registered vehicle owners prosecuted and convicted for illegal disposal of C&I and construction waste using light goods vehicles

The registered owners of two light goods vehicles, which were involved in three illegal waste disposal cases on Tai Yip Street in Kowloon Bay and Po Lun Street in Mei Foo with about 10.5 cubic metres of waste being disposed of, were convicted and fined a total of \$9,000 by Kwun Tong Magistrates'

Courts today (December 4) for contravening the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation.

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said that Kowloon Bay is a densely populated commercial and industrial area, and some members of the logistics industry illegally disposed of construction waste and commercial and industrial (C&I) waste at night when traffic and pedestrian flows were low. To step up efforts to combat illegal waste disposal, a round-the-clock surveillance camera system was installed at Tai Yip Street to facilitate evidence collection and prosecution. The surveillance camera captured that a light goods vehicle abandoned several boxes of waste on the roadside twice in May this year, and the EPD subsequently issued two summonses to the registered owner of the vehicle involved.

Separately, the EPD received a report from a member of the public in May this year about the illegal disposal of construction waste at Po Lun Street in Mei Foo from a light goods vehicle. The EPD traced the registered owner of the vehicle according to the photos and vehicle information provided by the member of the public, and subsequently prosecuted the registered owner of the vehicle in accordance with the law.

The EPD spokesperson reminded those from the recycling, renovation and construction sectors that C&I waste and demolished construction waste should be delivered to the Government's waste treatment facilities as required by the law. It is unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. According to the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, it is an offense to dispose of waste on the streets or in public places from vehicles, including goods vehicles, private cars and motorcycles. Otherwise, it constitutes an offence and the registered owner may be prosecuted. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction. If the offence continues, an additional fine of \$300 will be imposed daily.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 is 105 (down 0.3 against yesterday's index).

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

Tender date	: December 4, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1849
Issue date	: December 5, 2018
Maturity date	: March 6, 2019
Amount applied	: HK\$96,950 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$49,343 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.69 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 1.71 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 88 PCT
Average tender yield	: 1.74 PCT

Tender date	: December 4, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H1878
Issue date	: December 5, 2018
Maturity date	: June 5, 2019
Amount applied	: HK\$46,427 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$15,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 2.03 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 2.05 PCT
Pro rata ratio	: About 50 PCT
Average tender yield	: 2.09 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning December 10:

Tender date	: December 11, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1850
Issue date	: December 12, 2018
Maturity date	: March 13, 2019
Tenor	: 91 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$45,581 MN

Tender date : December 11, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills

Issue number : H1879

Issue date : December 12, 2018

Maturity date : June 12, 2019

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$9,000 MN