

Appeal for information on missing man in Tsueng Kwan O (with photo)

Police today (August 29) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Tsueng Kwan O.

Wong Kin-shing, aged 22, went missing after he left his residence at Choi Ming Court, Tsueng Kwan O on August 27 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.85 metres tall, 65 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue short-sleeved T-shirt, light-coloured shorts and grey sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0316 or 9020 2746 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



FEHD releases Rodent Infestation Rate for first half of 2018

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today

(August 29) that the overall Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR) for the first half of 2018 was 2.8 per cent, slightly lower than the figures recorded for the second half of 2017 and the overall RIR for 2017 (both were 3.5 per cent), indicating that rodent infestation in public areas in the territory is generally under control.

An FEHD spokesman said, "According to a territory-wide survey conducted by the department, the RIRs of all districts were below 10 per cent for the first half of 2018, indicating that rodent infestation is not extensive in the area surveyed. Among them, Tsuen Wan recorded the highest RIR at 8.2 per cent.

"The relatively higher RIRs in some districts were mainly caused by poor hygiene conditions at specific spots such as rear lanes, including the accumulation of disused articles, indiscriminate disposal of refuse and improper handling of food remnants, which provide shelter and food for rodents."

There is no internationally adopted RIR. When devising the RIR, the FEHD made reference to overseas practices and the actual situation of Hong Kong. The overall RIR is the average infestation rate of the districts during the period. The district RIR assesses the rodent problem in public places surveyed during the surveillance period. The district RIR is divided into three levels. Level 1 (less than 10 per cent) indicates that rodent infestation is not extensive in the area surveyed. Level 2 (between 10 per cent and 19 per cent) indicates that rodent infestation is slightly extensive in the area surveyed, and the FEHD will strengthen rodent disinfection operations there. Level 3 (20 per cent or above) indicates that rodent infestation is extensive. The relevant government departments will form a joint task force and launch special rodent prevention and control operations to strengthen rodent disinfection, environmental improvement and cleaning services comprehensively, and promote rodent prevention and control in the community.

"The district RIRs may not fully reflect the actual situation of rodent infestation in the individual districts concerned. When conducting rodent prevention and control operations, the FEHD makes appropriate adjustments to the work in individual districts from time to time, taking into account reports from front-line staff and the views of the relevant District Councils and the local community, as well as the district RIR," the spokesman said.

The FEHD has continued to roll out the territory-wide anti-rodent campaign in two phases this year. The first phase was completed in March while the second phase was launched early last month and will run until September 7. During the campaign period, the FEHD enhances its inspections and rodent control measures in target areas including markets, municipal services buildings, hawker bazaars, typhoon shelters, lanes adjacent to food premises and other problematic spots and their peripheries.

"In addition, in view of the fruitful results of the two rounds of anti-rodent operations in designated target areas last year, the FEHD continues to conduct two rounds of the special operations this year, during which multi-

pronged strategies, including improving environmental hygiene, and stepping up rodent disinfection and enforcement actions, have been adopted to strengthen rodent prevention and control at the district level."

The first round of anti-rodent special operation in designated target areas was conducted in various districts from April to June. During the period, the FEHD enhanced street cleaning services and cleaning of public markets and hawker bazaars in the target areas, strengthened rodent disinfection work at problematic spots such as rear lanes, refuse collection points, markets, hawker bazaars, cooked food markets and construction sites, and stepped up inspections of food premises, markets, hawker bazaars and cooked food markets. Enforcement actions against food premises causing poor environmental hygiene conditions, food preparation and scullery at rear lanes, and improper handling and disposal of rubbish were also strengthened. The FEHD also arranged health talks for building management offices of private buildings, persons-in-charge of food premises, and market and hawker stall operators to provide information and technical advice on rodent prevention and control. The operation effectively enhanced district rodent prevention and control work. The FEHD will start the second round of anti-rodent special operation in designated target areas in October, which will also last for two months.

The spokesman stressed that effective rodent prevention and control hinges on sustained co-operation between the community and the Government. Apart from continuing to enhance the rodent prevention and control work in all districts, the FEHD will also step up public education and publicity targeting different sectors of the community, including co-organising promotional activities with District Councils to encourage the public to actively participate in the anti-rodent campaigns, and to prevent rodent infestation by eliminating the three survival conditions of rodents, namely food, harbourage and passages, meaning the elimination of the food sources and hiding places of rodents, as well as blocking their dispersal routes.

For more information on rodent prevention and control measures and the RIR, please visit the FEHD website at www.fehd.gov.hk.

Federal Chancellor of Austria to visit Hong Kong

The Federal Chancellor of Austria, Mr Sebastian Kurz, will arrive in Hong Kong on August 31 for a three-day official visit.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will meet with Mr Kurz on August 31 at Government House.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 is 103.8 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Classic works of Leslie Cheung and Anita Mui to be screened in reruns at North District Town Hall (with photo)

The retrospective "Glory Days: When Leslie Met Anita" presented by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department several months ago was well received by the audience. To revisit the glory days of superstars Leslie Cheung and Anita Mui, the HKFA has selected seven movies from the series to have encore screenings at North District Town Hall from September 28 to October 1.

"Rouge" (1988), the only film co-starring Cheung and Mui as leads, will once again be the first movie shown. Directed by Stanley Kwan, the film tells of the romance between famous courtesan Fleur and wealthy playboy Pang in the 1930s. The film won various prizes at film awards and festivals. The screening will include a three-minute music montage specially edited from a rarely seen international cut.

Both iconic figures in Cantopop, Cheung and Mui occasionally introduced music elements and enriched their works with their attractive voices. The musical drama "The Phantom Lover" (1995) features Cheung as a popular opera star, and the theme song composed and performed by Cheung won a Best Original Film Song nomination for the Golden Horse Awards. In "Au Revoir, Mon Amour" (1991) with the Sino-Japanese War as the story setting, Mui plays a songstress who guards her beloved regardless of the unstable political environment. The strong-willed character is consistent with Mui's own personality.

Cheung and Mui contributed to a wide range of genres in their acting careers. From their comedies, the HKFA picked the Chinese New Year screen classic "All's Well End's Well" (1992) and "Justice, My Foot!" (1992), which saw Cheung and Mui separately co-star with king of comedy Stephen Chow. Both stood on an equal footing with Chow, and the two works are among the top classics in the acting careers of Cheung and Mui. "All's Well End's Well" will be accompanied by a post-screening talk hosted by director Clifton Ko

and film critic William Yuen.

Both Cheung and Mui took part in the romance movie series "He's a Woman, She's a Man" (1994) and "Who's the Woman, Who's the Man" (1996). The first film, starring Cheung and Anita Yuen, features crossed relationships and gender confusion, while in the latter film Mui joins the cast with an androgynous stage persona, making the story more complicated and daring.

All films are in Cantonese. "Au Revoir, Mon Amour" is without subtitles, while the other films are with Chinese and English subtitles.

Tickets priced at \$45 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/HKFA/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/2018gdwlma-ndth/index.html.

