

## Suspected MERS case reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (June 25) reported a suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and again urged the public to pay special attention to safety during travel, taking due consideration of the health risks in the places of visit. The case is detailed below:

Sex	Female
Age	55
Affected area involved	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
High-risk exposure	Nil
Hospital	Prince of Wales Hospital
Condition	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Negative

"Travellers to the Middle East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels; avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry; and avoid unnecessary visits to healthcare facilities. We strongly advise travel agents organising tours to the Middle East to abstain from arranging camel rides and activities involving direct contact with camels, which are known risk factors for acquiring MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Locally, the CHP's surveillance with public and private hospitals, with practising doctors and at boundary control points is firmly in place. Inbound travellers and members of the public who recently visited the Middle East and developed fever or lower respiratory symptoms within 14 days will be classified as suspected MERS cases. They will be taken to public hospitals for isolation and management until their specimens test negative for MERS-CoV.

Travellers to affected areas should maintain vigilance, adopt appropriate health precautions and take heed of personal, food and environmental hygiene. The public may visit the MERS pages of the [CHP](#) and its [Travel Health Service](#), MERS statistics in [affected areas](#), the CHP's [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the World Health Organization's [latest news](#) for more information and health advice. Tour leaders and tour guides operating overseas tours are advised to refer to the CHP's [health advice on MERS](#).

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## **Fatal traffic accident in Ngau Tau Kok**

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Ngau Tau Kok today (June 25) in which a 41-year-old man died.

At about 12.40pm, a motorcycle driven by the 41-year-old man and a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 59-year-old man were travelling along Wan Chiu Road towards Mong Kok. When reaching near Sheung Yee Road, the two vehicles reportedly collided.

Sustaining injuries to his chest, the motorcyclist was rushed to United Christian Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 2.11pm.

The 59-year-old LGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm and is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon East is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2305 7500.

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## **LegCo to consider motion under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (with attachments)**

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (June 27) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will consider a motion under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance.

The motion, to be moved by Dr Cheng Chung-tai, states: "That this Council appoints a select committee to inquire into the incident of the MTR Corporation Limited's suspected concealment of the alleged substandard construction works carried out at the new platforms of Hung Hom station of

the Shatin to Central Link, and other related matters, and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorised under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance."

Meanwhile, Dr Kwok Ka-ki will move a motion on the Report of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars. The motion states: "That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars."

Ir Dr Lo Wai-kwok will move a motion on expediting the promotion of smart city development. The motion states: "That, since smart city is one of the four major areas of focused development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong, the Administration released the Smart City Blueprint for Hong Kong in December 2017, mapping out the policies and measures to be implemented in the next five years in six areas, namely smart mobility, smart living, smart environment, smart people, smart government and smart economy; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to proactively allocate resources to perfect various policies and ancillary measures, so as to expedite the promotion of smart city development; the relevant measures include facilitating the research and development and application of innovation and technology, upgrading the technological infrastructure of Hong Kong, promoting the intellectualisation of infrastructure and green architecture, facilitating the opening of data by public and private organisations for development and application, setting up a platform for sharing big data, making optimal use of innovation and technology for improvement of people's daily living, as well as developing a low-carbon green and smart community, with a view to fostering the sustainable development of Hong Kong and facilitating the people in leading a quality life."

Mr Christopher Cheung, Mr Tony Tse, Mr Alvin Yeung, Dr Elizabeth Quat, Mr Hui Chi-fung and Mr Charles Peter Mok will move separate amendments to Ir Dr Lo Wai-kwok's motion.

On Government Bills, the Ferry Services (Amendment) Bill 2018 will be introduced into the Council for the First Reading and the Second Reading. The Second Reading debate on the Bill will be adjourned.

The Second Reading debate on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2018 and the United Nations Sanctions (Amendment) Bill 2018 will resume. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Reading, they will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bills and their reports are adopted by the Council, the Bills will be set down for the Third Reading.

On Government motions, the Chief Secretary for Administration will move two proposed resolutions under the District Court Ordinance and the Small Claims Tribunal Ordinance respectively to amend the District Court Ordinance and the Small Claims Tribunal Ordinance as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

The Secretary for Development will move a proposed resolution under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance to amend the Construction Industry Council Ordinance as set out in Appendix 3.

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare will move a proposed resolution under the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance to amend the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance as set out in Appendix 4.

During the meeting, the Chairman of the Panel on Public Service, Mr Poon Siu-ping, will present the "Report of the Panel on Public Service 2017-2018" and address the Council.

Members will also ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found on the LegCo Website.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. They may reserve seats by calling 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

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## **SFST attends Third Annual Meeting of AIIB Board of Governors in Mumbai (with photos)**

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, attended the Third Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Mumbai, India, today (June 25).

In the morning, Mr Lau joined the Governors' Seminar at which participants shared their views on how governments can help create an environment conducive to mobilising finance for infrastructure.

Mr Lau took part in the Governors' Business Roundtable session in the afternoon. The session explored how the AIIB can better finance Asia's infrastructure priorities.

On the margins of the annual meeting, Mr Lau also met with the President of the AIIB, Mr Jin Liqun. He thanked Mr Jin for supporting Hong Kong's

participation in the AIIB and said he looked forward to the AIIB making good use of Hong Kong's capital markets, asset management professionals and financial and legal experts in areas like bond issuance, project financing and arbitration services.

Mr Lau also met with the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the AIIB, Mr Thierry de Longuemar, and the Vice Chairman of HSBC's Global Banking, Mr Kevan Watts, respectively to exchange views on Hong Kong's strengths in infrastructure financing and green finance.

Tomorrow (June 26), Mr Lau will attend the opening ceremony and the inaugural plenary session of the Asian Infrastructure Forum. He will also meet with the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the AIIB, Dr D J Pandian, before concluding his visit in the evening. Mr Lau will be back in Hong Kong in the morning of June 27.



## Human Resources Planning Commission convenes second meeting

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, chaired the second meeting of the Human Resources Planning Commission this afternoon (June 25).

The Commission places great importance on nurturing home-grown talent and promoting youth upward mobility in order to complement Hong Kong's strategic development into a high value-added and diversified economy.

In this connection, members took stock at this meeting on how education and manpower training can help meet the needs of Hong Kong's new economy.

The meeting noted that the Government has adopted a wide range of measures with a view to better adapting the education and training system to groom talent meeting the manpower needs of the evolving society. These include reviewing the primary and secondary curricula, encouraging the post-secondary education sector to offer more programmes responding to manpower needs of relevant disciplines, and promoting vocational and professional education and training as well as continuing education. Members also shared their views on how to better align the education and training strategy with the economic development of Hong Kong based on their expertise in various sectors.

At the meeting, members also discussed the manpower situation of the maritime industry. Members noted that the maritime industry, in particular the shipping sector, has been facing manpower shortage owing to difficulty in recruitment and retention as well as an ageing workforce. Members noted that to drive the long-term development of the industry, the Government established the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, under which the Manpower Development Committee developed a five-pronged strategy to build an adequate pool of maritime professionals with a view to supporting Hong Kong's further development into a maritime hub.

In addition, members were updated on the progress of finalisation of the draft Talent List and the implementation of the Technology Talent Admission Scheme. Having considered the views of the relevant advisory bodies and the Legislative Council Panel on Manpower, the Talent List is being finalised and will be launched through the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme within the next few months. With regard to the Technology Talent Admission Scheme, the Government has sought the views of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry and provided briefings to the eligible employers on the details of the Scheme. The Scheme is accepting applications from today.