

# LegCo to debate motion on cross-boundary elderly care

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting next Wednesday (June 20) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will debate a motion on cross-boundary elderly care.

The motion, moved by Mr Leung Che-cheung, states: "That, all along, quite a number of elderly persons in Hong Kong have chosen to spend their twilight years on the Mainland, but the current cross-boundary portability arrangements for welfare benefits made by the SAR Government have a very narrow scope, benefiting only eligible elderly persons who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments or the Old Age Allowance and have moved to reside in Guangdong or Fujian Province on the Mainland; to facilitate more elderly persons in spending their twilight years on the Mainland, this Council urges the SAR Government to:

1. extend the arrangements of the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme to other provinces on the Mainland;
2. introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Old Age Living Allowance to support eligible elderly persons who are receiving the allowance and have moved to the Mainland;
3. abolish the existing absence limit for various welfare benefits under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and conduct a study on developing an identity verification system with the relevant Mainland departments to obviate the need for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland to return to Hong Kong for making applications for continuous collection of such benefits on a yearly basis;
4. introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Disability Allowance such that eligible elderly persons with disabilities aged 65 or above can choose to reside on the Mainland;
5. optimise the existing Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by, for example, purchasing residential care places for persons with disabilities from Mainland residential care homes, and purchasing more quality residential care places for the elderly in various major cities on the Mainland, as well as providing needy elderly persons who choose to reside on the Mainland with one-stop escort arrangements for travelling to and from Hong Kong;
6. conduct a study on the implementation of a scheme for the transfer of medical records of Hong Kong residents under which, with the consent of the elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland, their medical

records will be transferred to designated Mainland hospitals so that they can seek medical consultation conveniently;

7. conduct a study on extending the scope of application of Hong Kong's Health Care Vouchers to cover major hospitals and clinics on the Mainland, with a view to alleviating the burden of medical expenses on elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland;
8. by drawing reference from the model of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, co-establish hospitals in major Mainland cities by Hong Kong and the Mainland and adopt Hong Kong-style management to jointly provide quality healthcare services to elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland; and
9. by drawing reference from the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, conduct a study on providing elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland with support services for ageing in place."

Dr Priscilla Leung, Mr Wong Kwok-kin and Mr Alvin Yeung will move separate amendments to Mr Leung's motion.

Mr Ma Fung-kwok will move a motion on developing venues and creating room to support the development of local culture, arts, recreation and sports. The motion states: "That the lack of venues and room has all along been plaguing local cultural, arts and sports groups, and it is also an important barrier to the development of local culture, recreation and sports; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to take every possible means to create more venues and room for the local cultural, arts and sports sector, so as to promote further development of local culture, arts and sports; the relevant measures include:

1. building more cultural venues and sports facilities, and expeditiously implementing the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils;
2. reviewing the policy on industrial buildings and updating the definition of 'use of industrial buildings', so that cultural, arts and sports groups can operate in industrial buildings in a sensible, reasonable and lawful manner, and ensuring that future policies proposed on revitalising industrial buildings will be able to cater to the development needs of such groups and safeguard their room for survival;
3. making better use of vacant school premises and vacant sites for cultural, arts or sports purposes;
4. opening up more public spaces for cultural and arts purposes;
5. enhancing the Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme, including providing more assistance to schools that

open up their school facilities, and extending the scheme to make it accessible by cultural and arts groups;

6. enhancing the leasing policy for government venues to make such venues available for full utilisation by cultural, arts and sports groups, and curbing the recurrence of touting activities; and
7. stipulating in the land lease covenants of suitable new development projects that developers should set aside space to develop certain cultural and arts facilities that have been compressed by market and business factors, such as performance venues and bookshops."

Mrs Regina Ip, Ms Tanya Chan, Mr Lau Kwok-fan and Mr Au Nok-hin will move separate amendments to Mr Ma's motion.

In addition, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, Mr Holden Chow, Mr Charles Mok and Mr Frankie Yick will each move a proposed resolution under section 34(4) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance.

Mr Cheung will move a proposed resolution to extend the period for amending the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice, the Securities and Futures (Open-ended Fund Companies) Rules and the Securities and Futures (Open-ended Fund Companies) (Fees) Regulation, laid on the table of the Council on May 23, 2018, to the meeting of July 11, 2018.

Mr Chow will move a proposed resolution to extend the period for amending the Securities and Futures (Professional Investor) (Amendment) Rules 2018, laid on the table of the Council on May 23, 2018, to the meeting of July 11, 2018.

Mr Mok will move a proposed resolution to extend the period for amending the Telecommunications (Designation of Frequency Bands subject to Payment of Spectrum Utilization Fee) (Amendment) Order 2018, the Telecommunications (Level of Spectrum Utilization Fees) (Second Generation Mobile Services) (Amendment) Regulation 2018, the Telecommunications (Determining Spectrum Utilization Fees by Auction) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 and the Telecommunications (Method for Determining Spectrum Utilization Fee) (Administratively Assigned Spectrum in the 1800 MHz Band) Regulation, laid on the table of the Council on May 23, 2018, to the meeting of July 11, 2018.

Mr Yick will move a proposed resolution to extend the period for amending the Schedule of Routes (Citybus Limited) Order 2018, the Schedule of Routes (Citybus Limited) (North Lantau and Hong Kong International Airport) Order 2018, the Schedule of Routes (Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited) Order 2018, the Schedule of Routes (Long Win Bus Company Limited) Order 2018, the Schedule of Routes (New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited) Order 2018 and the Schedule of Routes (New World First Bus Services Limited) Order 2018, laid on the table of the Council on May 23, 2018, to the meeting of July 11, 2018.

Mr James To will move a proposed resolution under section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to repeal the Securities and Futures (Professional Investor) (Amendment) Rules 2018 laid on the table of the Council on May 23, 2018.

On Government motion, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development will move a proposed resolution under the Import and Export Ordinance to seek the Council to approve the Import and Export (Registration) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 made by the Chief Executive in Council on May 29, 2018.

On bills, the Employment (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 Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2018 will also resume. If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bill and its report is adopted by the Council, the Bill will be set down for the Third Reading.

Meanwhile, Members will 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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## **SED to visit Beijing**

The Secretary for Education (SED), Mr Kevin Yeung, will leave Hong Kong in the afternoon next Wednesday (June 20) for a duty visit to Beijing.

On June 21, Mr Yeung will attend a regular working meeting with officials of the Ministry of Education to exchange views on education issues of mutual concern.

Mr Yeung will also visit a secondary school and a university laboratory to look into the latest developments of secondary education and STEM

(science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education on the Mainland, and meet a group of young Hong Kong people pursuing tertiary studies or working in Beijing.

Officials accompanying Mr Yeung on his visit to Beijing will include the Acting Permanent Secretary for Education, Mrs Michelle Wong; Deputy Secretary for Education Mrs Hong Chan Tsui-wah; and Principal Assistant Secretaries for Education Ms Sharon Ko and Mr Lee Kam-kwong.

Mr Yeung will return to Hong Kong on June 22. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, will be the Acting SED.

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## CHP investigates outbreak of upper respiratory tract infection at residential child care centre in Wan Chai District

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (June 15) investigating an outbreak of upper respiratory tract infection (URI) at a residential child care centre in Wan Chai District, and appealed to members of the public and staff of institutions to stay alert and maintain strict personal and environmental hygiene.

The outbreak affected 12 boys and eight girls aged 2 months to 2 years who have developed URI symptoms including fever, cough and runny nose since May 20. All patients sought medical attention. Among them, two required hospitalisation and were discharged following treatment. All patients are now in stable condition.

The nasopharyngeal swab of one girl tested positive for enterovirus/rhinovirus upon laboratory testing.

Officers of the CHP have conducted a site visit and advised the centre to adopt necessary infection control measures against respiratory tract infections. The centre has been placed under medical surveillance.

The public should maintain good personal and environmental hygiene against influenza and other respiratory illnesses:

- Receive seasonal influenza vaccination for personal protection;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water properly whenever possibly contaminated;
- When hands are not visibly soiled, clean them with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub;

- Cover the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, and wash hands thoroughly afterwards;
- Dispose of soiled tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin;
- Put on a surgical mask when respiratory symptoms develop;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- Avoid going to crowded or poorly ventilated public places; high-risk individuals may consider putting on surgical masks when staying in such places; and
- Maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly, take adequate rest, do not smoke and avoid overstress.

Members of the public, particularly children, the elderly and those with chronic diseases, should wear a face mask and consult a doctor promptly if they develop symptoms of respiratory tract infection.

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## Hong Kong Customs combats sale of pirated software

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 14) conducted an operation to combat the sale of pirated software. A total of 301 sets of suspected pirated software and a batch of packaging materials with an estimated market value of about \$340,000 were seized. Four persons were arrested.

Customs earlier received information alleging the sale of suspected pirated software at shops in Sham Shui Po. After investigation, Customs officers conducted an operation yesterday and seized the batch of suspected pirated software at four retail shops in the district. A batch of packaging materials was also found in one of the shops.

During the operation, two male shop owners and two salesman, aged between 22 and 41, were arrested.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will continue to step up patrols to curb any form of infringing activity.

Customs appeals to consumers to procure goods at reputable shops. They should check with the trademark owners or their authorised agents if the authenticity of a product is in doubt.

Under the Copyright Ordinance, any person who sells or possesses for sale any infringing goods commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$50,000 per infringing copy and imprisonment for four years.

Members of the public may report any suspected infringing activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

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## **Government to sell site in Fanling by public tender**

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (June 15) that a site, Fanling Sheung Shui Town Lot No. 267 at On Chuen Street, On Lok Tsuen, Fanling, New Territories, in the 2018-19 Land Sale Programme will be disposed of by public tender. The tender invitation for the lot will commence on June 22 and close on July 20.

Fanling Sheung Shui Town Lot No. 267 has a site area of about 3,765 square metres and the permissible uses are industrial; godown and ancillary office; office in direct support of an industrial operation; information technology and telecommunications industries; research, design and development centre; audio-visual recording studio; media design and media production; workshop for laundering, dry cleaning, tailoring or repair of goods; vehicle repair workshop, vehicle inspection centre or vehicle testing centre; cargo handling and forwarding facilities; showroom ancillary to factory; motor vehicle showroom on the ground floor; laboratory, inspection and testing centre; recyclable collection centre; and a combination of any of the permissible uses. The minimum gross floor area and the maximum gross floor area are 11,295 sq m and 18,825 sq m respectively, both excluding the gross floor area of a public vehicle park to be constructed by the purchaser under the Conditions of Sale.

Land sale documents including the Form of Tender, the Tender Notice, the Conditions of Sale and the sale plan of the lot will be available for downloading from the LandsD website ([www.landsd.gov.hk](http://www.landsd.gov.hk)), and the sale plan will be available for distribution and inspection by the public from June 22, when the particulars of the tender will also be gazetted.