

# Cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases at Shatin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

The spokesperson for Shatin Hospital (SH) made the following announcement today (September 23):

A 73-year-old female patient with a recent hospitalisation in a medical and geriatrics ward of SH was confirmed to be infected with Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) at Prince of Wales Hospital on September 14. In accordance with prevailing infection control guidelines, SH has conducted contact tracing. Six more female patients (aged 62 to 94) were found to be VRE carriers. Three patients have been discharged and the remaining three patients are currently being treated in isolation. All patients are in stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward concerned:

1. isolation of VRE cases and application of stringent contact precautions;
2. enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection; and
3. enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and closely monitor the situation of the ward concerned. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

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## Hong Kong movies shine in Berlin (with photo)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin (HKETO Berlin) supported the film festival Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema in Berlin, Germany, from September 20 to 22 (Berlin time).

The film festival presented six Hong Kong films, namely "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", "The Lyricist Wannabe", "Time Still Turns The Pages", "Throw Down (Restored)", "Love Lies", and "Fly Me To The Moon". Actors Philip Ng, Lo Chun-yip, actress Angela Yuen, and director Norris Wong engaged with local audiences after the screenings of the respective movies.

HKETO Berlin hosted a reception before the screening of the opening film "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In". The Director of HKETO Berlin, Miss Jenny Szeto, delivered the opening remarks, welcoming some 100 guests. Miss Szeto thanked the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency, the Hong Kong International Film Festival and its local partner, the Berlin NewGen Film Festival, for bringing outstanding Hong Kong movies to Berlin.

"The Government is dedicated to promoting Hong Kong's cultural footprint and in particular, supporting the development of our film industry. Among other things, we actively encourage and support industry professionals to participate in film festivals around the world to elevate the visibility of Hong Kong films and showcase our talented creators. The Making Waves programme is a shining example of this commitment."

Launched in 2022, Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema is funded by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency to help Hong Kong films go global. To date, it has showcased the work of many promising Hong Kong filmmakers in over 20 cities.

About HKETO Berlin

HKETO Berlin is the official representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in commercial relations and other economic and trade matters in Germany as well as Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.



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## [Speech by Acting SJ at reception of National Day of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia \(English only\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Acting Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, at the reception of National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, today (September 23):

Your Excellency Mr Hamad Aljebreen (Consul General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Hong Kong), Deputy Commissioner Fang Jianming (Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening. I'm pleased to be here tonight, in celebration of the national day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Tonight's gathering is also a welcome opportunity to meet, once again, with the Consul General and members of the Saudi business community.

As the Consul General noted, the past year, and more, has seen remarkable growth in co-operation between our two economies, governments and peoples.

And those welcome ties continue to grow and diversify. Just earlier this month, His Excellency Bandar Alkhorayef, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, conducted an official visit to Hong Kong, during which he met with a variety of senior officials of our government.

Hong Kong is the natural springboard for Saudi companies looking to the Greater Bay Area, and beyond, for opportunity.

Next month, Cathay Pacific begins a thrice-weekly service between Hong Kong and Riyadh. That cheering link can only expand our rising business, trade and cultural exchanges.

I'm pleased to say, we're making progress, too, in legal co-operation. In March this year, I led a delegation of the legal sector to Riyadh to attend Riyadh International Disputes Week to share Hong Kong's strengths in legal and dispute resolution services. The Secretary for Justice was also in Riyadh, in May this year, meeting with senior Saudi justice officials. His visit followed the signing, in April, of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) strengthening co-operation between the two places on issues relating to dispute avoidance and resolution. The arrangement underscores Hong Kong's status as an international legal and dispute-resolution hub.

Ladies and gentlemen, that barely touches on the wide-ranging initiatives bringing us together, working to create a rewarding, far-reaching future for us all.

Consul General, over the years, you and your colleagues have taken an important role in forging closer economic ties and cultural exchanges with Hong Kong. For that, I would like to express my gratitude for your contribution to making the ties stronger.

This evening, may I extend my best wishes to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and its people, on its national day, and to our enduring ties and friendship. And may I propose a toast: "To the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia".

Thank you.

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## **LegCo Subcommittee on Policy Issues Relating to Strengthening and Promoting the Development of Kowloon East as the Second Central Business District visits core infrastructure facilities in Kowloon East (with photos)**

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

The Legislative Council Subcommittee on Policy Issues Relating to Strengthening and Promoting the Development of Kowloon East as the Second Central Business District (the Subcommittee) visited the core infrastructure facilities in Kowloon East today (September 23) to learn more about the development of the region.

Members first visited the Quayside, a commercial complex, to get a bird's eye view of the business area in Kowloon Bay. They also explored the building's innovative green features designed to maximise the utilisation of daylight and reduce energy consumption.

Members then visited Tencent WeStart, noting that the platform provides local and overseas digital content creators with co-working space and support services, with the aim of helping them to explore overseas markets or facilitating access to the Mainland market. Members also exchanged views with representatives of start-ups to gain a better understanding of the latest trend in digital content creation and the challenges they faced.

Members later headed to Kai Tak Promenade to receive an update from representatives of the Administration on the opening of various sections of the 11-kilometre-long promenade. They learnt that some of the promenades formed by different private developments had been returned to the Government and have since opened to the public.

Before concluding the itinerary, Members visited Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) where they received a briefing by representatives of KTSP and the Administration on the latest construction progress of the project. Members noted that the main structure of the Main Stadium, Indoor Sports Centre and

Public Sports Ground were almost complete and KTSP, Hong Kong's largest sports infrastructure, was set to open in the first half of 2025. Members also took the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of KTSP and the Administration on the strategies to leverage KTSP to drive sports and economic developments, as well as strengthen Hong Kong's positioning as an international city.

Members who participated in the visit were the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr Tang Ka-piu, and Subcommittee members Mr Yiu Pak-leung, Mr Chan Pui-leung, Mr Kenneth Fok, Dr Ngan Man-yu and Professor William Wong; as well as non-Subcommittee members Dr Lo Wai-kwok, Mr Chan Chun-ying and Mr Vincent Cheng.



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## UGC alerts public to fraudulent websites

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

The University Grants Committee (UGC) today (September 23) urged members of the public to remain vigilant against fraudulent websites, which were found to purport to be the website of the UGC.

The UGC hereby clarifies that its official website is [www.ugc.edu.hk](http://www.ugc.edu.hk).

The UGC Secretariat has reported the case to the Police.

A spokesperson for the UGC reminded members of the public to stay alert, and that they should refrain from visiting suspicious websites or disclosing any personal information. Anyone who has provided personal information to such websites should report to the Police as soon as possible.