Missing man in Tin Sum located

A man who went missing in Tin Sum has been located.

Kwan Yuet-pui, aged 35, went missing after he was last seen in Hin Keng Estate on June 25 afternoon. His caretaker made a report to Police on June 26.

The man was located in a hotel on Chak Cheung Street, Ma On Shan on July 2. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

Commissioner of Customs and Excise leads Customs officers and "Customs YES" members to Sichuan to study national cultural heritage conservation works (with photos)

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, yesterday (July 3) led 10 Customs officers and 50 members of "Customs YES" to Sichuan to learn about the national cultural heritage conservation works.

Ms Ho and the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Administrator of the National Cultural Heritage Administration, Mr Li Qun, yesterday attended the opening ceremony of the 2nd Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao Course on Capacity Building to Prevent Illegal Trafficking of Cultural Heritage, which was jointly organised by the National Cultural Heritage Administration and Hong Kong Customs.

A total of 36 enforcement and cultural heritage conservation officers from the three places, including 10 Hong Kong Customs officers and officers from the Chengdu Customs District, the Hong Kong Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the Hong Kong Development Bureau, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Macao Customs Service, the Macao Judiciary Police, the Macao Public Security Police Force and the Macao Cultural Affairs Bureau, participated in the five-day course. The participating Hong Kong Customs officers will become members of the National Cultural Heritage Identification Team of the department, shouldering the responsibilities for combating the trafficking of national cultural heritage and providing support to other frontline officers in the identification and handling of national cultural heritage.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Ms Ho encouraged the officers to

treasure the invaluable learning opportunity, fully devote themselves, and get well prepared to accomplish the mission of protecting national cultural heritage.

On the same day, Ms Ho led 50 "Customs YES" members on a visit to the Sichuan University Museum, where they joined a lacquer painting workshop of the "Sun and Immortal Birds". She encouraged the members to learn about the profound and precious history of the country and to preserve the excellent Chinese culture through experiencing traditional craftsmanship.

Ms Ho today (July 4) led the delegation of "Customs YES" to attend the opening ceremony of the 2nd Sichuan-Hong Kong-Macao-Taiwan Youth Exchange and Cooperation Week and launch ceremony of "Thousands of Hong Kong Youth Exploring Sichuan". In her speech, Ms Ho encouraged the participants to embrace the ideals and aspirations of "contributing to the prosperity of the country and the rejuvenation of the nation", and to utilise their strengths to become a new impetus for promoting national development and integration among the four places.

During her visit, Ms Ho also paid a courtesy call to the Chengdu Customs District to strengthen co-operation. Moreover, she visited Chengdu Tianfu International Airport and met with the Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu, Mr Enoch Yuen.

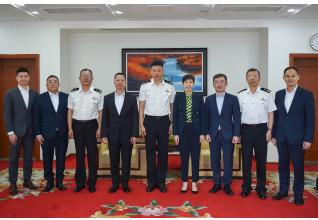




















CFS finds excessive Bacillus cereus in sample of bottled preserved bean curd

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (July 4) announced that a sample of bottled preserved bean curd was found to contain an excessive amount of Bacillus cereus. Members of the public should not consume the affected batch of the product. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: (Not available in English)

Place of origin: Hong Kong

Net weight: 255 grams

Best-before date: April 16, 2025 Manufacturer: LIU MA KEE LIMITED

"The CFS collected the above-mentioned sample from a retail outlet in Sai Ying Pun for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained Bacillus cereus at a level of 130 000 per gram. According to the Microbiological Guidelines for Food, if ready-to-eat food contains Bacillus cereus at a level of more than 100 000 per gram, it is considered unsatisfactory," a spokesman for the CFS said.

The spokesman said that the CFS has informed the vendor concerned of the irregularity and has instructed the vendor to stop sales and to remove from shelves the affected batch of the product. The manufacturer concerned has initiated a recall of the affected batch of the product according to the CFS's instructions. Members of the public may call the manufacturer's hotline at 2730 2968 during office hours for enquiries about the product recall. The CFS has also inspected the food factory concerned, provided health education on food safety and hygiene to the person-in-charge and staff of the food factory, and requested it to review and improve the food production process and carry out thorough cleaning and disinfection. In addition, the sample did not indicate the best-before date according to the requirements stipulated in the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W). Prosecution will be instituted against the persons concerned should there be sufficient evidence.

"Bacillus cereus is commonly found in the environment. Unhygienic conditions in food processing and storage may give rise to its growth. Consuming food contaminated with excessive Bacillus cereus or its heat-stable toxins may cause gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting and diarrhoea," the spokesman said.

The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action. The investigation is ongoing.

Employer fined for violation of safety legislation

Smart Grand Engineering Limited was fined \$25,000 at the Western Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (July 4) for violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance. The prosecution was launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on December 15, 2022, at a container terminal in Kwai Chung. A fender panel, while being filled

with compressed air for leak testing, suddenly ruptured and generated a strong airflow. A worker engaged in the work was thrown into the air by the airflow and fell back on the ground. The worker sustained serious head injuries and passed away on the same day. Another worker in the vicinity was hit by a component of the ruptured fender panel and sustained laceration injuries.

Opening remarks by SDEV on quarterly land sale programme for July to September 2024

Following are the opening remarks by the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, at a media session today (July 4) on the quarterly land sale programme for July to September 2024:

Today I will introduce the Government's Land Sale Programme in the second quarter of this financial year, that is July to September 2024.

The Government will put up for tender a residential site in Siu Lek Yuen in Sha Tin, providing a supply of about 570 flats. You may be aware that among the sites put onto this year's Land Sale Programme, two residential sites are located in Sha Tin. The first site, which is smaller in size, has already been put up for sale in the first quarter, and the tender is ongoing. The site I announced just now, to be rolled out in this quarter, is the second one in the same locality.

In addition, the Urban Renewal Authority plans to tender in this quarter its development project on Kai Tak Road/Sa Po Road in Kowloon City, providing a supply of around 810 flats.

For private development and redevelopment projects, three are expected to complete their lease modifications in the second quarter, providing a supply of about 410 flats.

To summarise, taking all the above sources of land supply into account, the total private housing land supply in the second quarter would support the development of around 1 790 flats.

Together with the supply from the first quarter, the total supply of the first half of this financial year is expected to support some 4 065 flats, which is around 30 per cent of our annual supply target at 13 200 flats. This figure has not yet reflected private redevelopment projects not requiring lease modification from the second quarter, as such figures are only available at a later stage.

For industrial sites, you may be aware of the Development Bureau's announcement last week, announcing that we aim to put up for sale a site in Hung Shui Kiu. This site is around 77 700 square metres, close to 8 hectares, and its maximum gross floor area could reach 544 000 sq m. The site will be used for the development of Multi-storey Buildings for Modern Industries mainly for logistics, and will provide certain floor area to the Government to assist brownfield operators affected by government development clearance exercises. We will strive to complete the removal of the community isolation facilities now on the site, the drafting of land lease conditions and the formulation of tender arrangements as soon as possible. Our target is to roll out the site for tender by the end of the second quarter. We will adopt a two-envelope tender approach, while specific details on the ratio of non-premium and premium proposals as well as the floor area to be provided to the Government will be announced at the time of tender.

Working towards the annual supply target, the Government will continue to monitor market situation, and holistically consider supply from various sources, so as to make fitting land disposal arrangements for each quarter and provide land to the market for economic and residential development in a paced manner.

Thank you.