<u>Operational event at Ling Ao Nuclear</u> Power Station

â€<The Nuclear Emergency Committee Office of the Guangdong Province notified the Security Bureau today (March 18) of an operational event at Ling Ao Nuclear Power Station (LNPS), a Security Bureau spokesperson said today.

Through a feedback review at LNPS, it was discovered that on November 27, 2024, during the replacement of the demineralizer in Unit 1's chemical and volume control system, the outlet isolation valve of the demineralizer was not closed as required. This resulted in a drop in the volume of certain liquids within the system. Station staff immediately halted the relevant operation, and the volume of the liquids promptly resumed normal. Throughout the above event, Unit 1 remained in a safe and stable condition, with all relevant parameters within normal ranges.

As this event holds certain reference and learning value, LNPS classified it as a Level 0 deviation on March 17, with a view to raising awareness among station staff and helping them learn from the experience. This deviation did not affect the safety of the Unit, the health of the workers, the nearby public or the environment. LNPS has reported the relevant situation to the nuclear safety regulatory authority and will strengthen experience feedback to ensure the safe and stable operation of its units.

The Daya Bay Nuclear Power Operations and Management Co Ltd has released the details of this event on its website (www.dnmc.com.cn) (Chinese only), which can be viewed in the "operational events" section under the "nuclear and radiation safety information" page of the website.

Committee for Safeguarding National Security of HKSAR launches 10th National Security Education Day thematic exhibition (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the National Security Exhibition Gallery of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region:

The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that a thematic exhibition will be held at the National Security Exhibition Gallery to dovetail with the 10th National Security Education Day. With full support

from the Department of Justice, the Education Bureau, the Security Bureau, the Civil Service Bureau, and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, the opening ceremony of the 10th National Security Education Day thematic exhibition was launched today (March 18) at the Hong Kong Museum of History, marking the beginning of a series of activities on national security education. The exhibition will be open to all Hong Kong citizens from tomorrow (March 19) onwards.

As stipulated by the National Security Law of the People's Republic of China, passed by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress in 2015, the 15th of April each year is designated as National Security Education Day. At the national level, various provinces, municipalities and regions have leveraged this special occasion as an opportunity to advance national security education under the guidance of a holistic approach to national security.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has always been committed to promoting national security education. Over the years, under the leadership of the Central Government and with the support of various offices of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong, as well as the joint efforts of all sectors of society, diverse creative promotional activities have been held with widespread participation, thereby fostering a positive atmosphere where all Hong Kong citizens join hands to build the Great Wall of national security.

Since the launch of the National Security Exhibition Gallery in August last year, the Education Bureau has been inviting school sponsoring bodies and schools to organise student visits. As of the first term of the current school year, over 43 000 students from about 120 primary and secondary schools have visited the gallery, and the visits have deepened their understanding of national security through display panels, a 3D theatre, interactive games, and animations.

The 15th of April this year marks the 10th National Security Education Day. The thematic exhibition adopts the national theme of "The 10th anniversary of National Security Education Day: advancing towards more indepth and effective implementation", reflecting on the development of promoting national security education in the country and the HKSAR over the years.

Officiating at the opening ceremony of the thematic exhibition, the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, said, "The Education Bureau has consistently been supporting schools in enhancing national education and fostering students' sense of patriotism and awareness of national security through diverse measures, using approaches such as 'organic integration' and 'natural connection' to enhance their sense of national identity.

"National security is the cornerstone of peace and stability in the country. We will continue to work hand in hand with all sectors of society to promote national security education, with a view to strengthening the public's awareness and sense of responsibility in safeguarding national

security on their own accord, and creating a positive atmosphere of patriotism and love for Hong Kong."

The HKSAR Government will continue its unwavering efforts to widen and deepen the promotion of national security education. By fostering the active participation and collective efforts of all sectors of society, especially the community and young people, we will continue to break new ground in national security work and write new chapters in the journey towards achieving national prosperity and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.









Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Poland, UK and US suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (March 18) that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Staszów District of ÅšwiÄ™tokrzyskie Region in Poland, and in North Yorkshire District of North Yorkshire County in the United Kingdom (UK); and an outbreak of highly pathogenic H7N9 avian influenza in Noxubee County of the State of Mississippi in the United States

(US), the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 6 600 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Poland; about 910 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry meat, and about 1.34 million poultry eggs from the UK; and about 79 630 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry meat, and about 19.6 million poultry eggs from the US last year.

"The CFS has contacted the Polish, British and American authorities over the issues and will closely monitor information issued by the WOAH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth over \$2.8 million (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs on March 11 and yesterday (March 17) seized a total of about 6 kilograms of suspected ketamine and about 8 grams of suspected methamphetamine, with an estimated market value of over \$2.8 million, at Hong Kong International Airport and in Kwai Chung.

Through risk assessment, Customs on March 11 inspected two air parcels, declared as bottle openers and arriving in Hong Kong from Italy. Upon inspection, Customs officers found that the batch of suspected ketamine was concealed inside 24 packaging boxes of bottle openers.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers conducted a controlled delivery operation yesterday in Kwai Chung and arrested a male consignee, aged 31, who was suspected to be connected with the case. Later, Customs further seized about 34g of suspected ketamine and about 8g of suspected methamphetamine from his vehicle and in his possession respectively.

The arrested person has been charged with two counts of trafficking in a dangerous drug and one count of possession of dangerous drug. He will appear at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (March 19).

Customs will continue to step up enforcement against drug trafficking activities through intelligence analysis. The department also reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking

activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs reminds people to pay attention to the fact that drug trafficking is a serious criminal offence. Criminal conviction will result in grave repercussions for their future and they should not take risks in the hope that they may not be caught.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).







Leading zero-emission commercial vehicles manufacturer opens global headquarters in Hong Kong (with photo)

â€<Invest Hong Kong announced that Wisdom Motor, a leading manufacturer of zero-emission commercial vehicles, officially opened its global headquarters in Hong Kong today (March 18), tapping into the growing demand for sustainable transportation solutions in the region and enhancing collaboration with local partners.

The company also plans to establish a global research and development centre and intelligent manufacturing centre in Hong Kong and is committed to building a high-quality zero-emission commercial vehicle ecosystem for the world.

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion for Invest Hong Kong Mr Charles Ng said, "We are excited to welcome Wisdom Motor to Hong Kong. The establishment of its global headquarters is a testament to our city's unparalleled suitability for technological and product development. With a rich talent pool and a strategic location, Hong Kong provides the perfect foundation for companies like Wisdom Motor to forge international partnerships and expand their presence in both the Asian and global markets."

The Chief Strategy Officer of Wisdom Motor, Mr Felix Xu, said, "Hong Kong is situated in the heart of Asia and in close proximity to the Mainland. It enables businesses to tap into the multitude of opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and throughout the rest of the region. The city is an ideal base for us to promote our technological achievements to the Greater Bay Area, other parts of the Mainland, and developed overseas countries."

He also said that the Hong Kong global headquarters is a pivotal hub for developing intelligent and connected vehicle applications, including Vehicle Control Unit or Motor Control Unit electronic control systems and hydrogen fuel systems. The company will collaborate with local university research teams and technology companies to develop carbon-neutral technologies and projects tailored to Hong Kong's unique conditions.

He added that Wisdom Motor is an all-round enterprise with in-house capabilities in design, engineering, manufacturing, and delivery of class-leading smart zero-emission commercial vehicles. It is also at the forefront of integrating hydrogen fuel cell systems, leveraging advanced composite materials and manufacturing processes to achieve significant lightweight advantages. Wisdom Motor delivered Hong Kong's first battery electric double-decker bus as well as the world's first tri-axle hydrogen double-deck bus, paving the way to contribute to Hong Kong's decarbonisation strategy.

For more information about Wisdom Motor, please visit wisdommotor.com.

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