

## Missing man in Sham Shui Po located

A man who went missing in Sham Shui Po has been located.

Wong Tin-shek, aged 81, went missing after he left an elderly home on Pei Ho Street in the small hours yesterday (May 24). The staff of the elderly home made a report to Police on the same day.

The man was located on Lai Chi Kok Road, Sham Shui Po at noon today (May 25). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## Appeal for information on missing man in Kwai Chung (with photo)

Police today (May 25) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwai Chung.

Ng Ming-biu, aged 96, went missing after he was last seen at Tai Kok Tsui Market, Mong Kok yesterday (May 24) afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.7 metres tall, 70 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue and white long-sleeved checkered shirt, black trousers, black shoes and carrying a brown walking stick.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 5107 0641 or email to [rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.



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## CHP announces end of influenza season

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (May 25) announced the end of the influenza season which started in early April this year, although the public is reminded to continue to maintain personal, hand, and environmental hygiene to prevent respiratory infections including COVID-19.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "The influenza activity in Hong Kong had continued to increase since entering the influenza season in early April. It then started to decrease gradually after reaching the peak in late April, and returned to the baseline level in the week ending May 20. The predominating virus during the period was influenza A(H1), accounting for around 80 per cent of the respiratory specimens collected and with subtype results by the CHP's Public Health Laboratory Services Branch (PHLSB) and the Hospital Authority."

According to the latest surveillance data, the percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for seasonal influenza viruses peaked at 18.2 per cent in the week ending April 22, and declined to 3.83 per cent in the week ending May 20. The admission rate with the principal diagnosis of influenza in public hospitals also decreased from a peak of 1.13 (per 10 000 population) to 0.23 (per 10 000 population).

Moreover, the weekly number of reported influenza-like illness outbreaks decreased from 59 in the last week of April to 24 and 25 respectively in the first two weeks of May. It further plummeted to 10 in the week ending May 20. For severe or death cases, there were 46 to 48 severe influenza cases (including death cases) in every week from April 9 to May 6, while the figure

for the week ending May 20 was 32.

The surveillance data above indicated the end of the influenza season which started in early April this year. The spokesman reminded the public that although the seven-week long influenza season has ended, people aged six months or above who have not yet received the seasonal influenza vaccination in the 2022/23 season can still receive the vaccine to enhance personal protection.

On the other hand, the CHP has been closely monitoring the local COVID-19 situation. Latest data revealed that the upward trend of local COVID-19 activity has significantly slowed. The number of newly recorded positive nucleic acid test laboratory detections in the last seven days (May 18 to 24) ranged from 467 to 554 with no significant upward trend. During the period of May 17 to 23, the number of daily new admissions to public hospitals hovered around 384 to 489, while the number of newly reported critical or severe cases in public hospitals ranged from 24 to 43 daily, without any indication of a further increase at this stage. In addition, there have been no major outbreaks in venues where targeted groups are concentrated, such as schools, residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

Regarding COVID-19 variants, according to the genetic characterisation by the CHP's PHLSB on the specimens tested positive for COVID-19 as well as reported severe and death cases for COVID-19, the XBB and its sub-lineages have become the predominating variant locally during May 18 to 24, accounting for 88.3 per cent of all characterised specimens, while among that XBB.1.16 accounted for 3.7 per cent, and other non-XBB variants (including descendant lineages of BA.2) accounted for around 12 per cent. After analysing the clinical presentations of local cases, it does not show that infection with the XBB variant is more severe than infection with other Omicron variants.

The spokesman said, "The CHP will continue to closely monitor the situation of SARS-CoV-2 mutations and the risks with emphasis on the protection of high-risk groups. We call on those who have not completed the first three doses of vaccine, as well as persons in the high-risk groups who have not yet received vaccine boosters as per experts' recommendation, to get vaccinated as early as possible for protection of oneself and one's family. High-risk groups are encouraged to receive an additional vaccine booster six months after their last dose or COVID-19 infection, whichever is later."

Apart from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the spokesman appealed again to symptomatic individuals, even if the symptoms are mild, that they should wear surgical masks and seek medical attention promptly to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to high-risk persons. Personal, hand and environmental hygiene should also be maintained at all times.

For latest information, please refer to the [COVID-19 & Flu Express](#) published by the CHP.

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## **Another Land Sharing Pilot Scheme application received**

The Development Bureau (DEVB) announced today (May 25) the receipt of another application under the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme (LSPS).

The application concerns a site at Lei Muk Road, Kwai Chung, covering about 1.2 hectares of private lot and adjoining government land, currently zoned "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Buildings with Historical and Architectural Interests Preserved for Social Welfare Facility Use" and "Open Space". The application involves about 912 public housing/Starter Homes units (the exact choice of subsidised housing type to be determined by the Government), 300 private housing flats and supporting facilities, with a total gross floor area of about 78 000 square metres. The application also proposes to preserve the existing Grade II historic buildings within the private housing portion for residential care homes for the elderly. The application is made by Gainful Sky Hong Kong Limited (whose parent company is Southeast Asia Properties and Finance Limited).

The Land Sharing Office (LSO) under the DEVB will co-ordinate with the departments concerned to facilitate and expedite the processing and vetting of the application.

Including the above, the LSO has received a total of six applications so far. Their key information and proposed development parameters have been uploaded to the LSPS webpage at [www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues\\_in\\_focus/land\\_sharing\\_pilot\\_scheme/land\\_sharing\\_pilot\\_scheme\\_applications/application\\_received/index.html](http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues_in_focus/land_sharing_pilot_scheme/land_sharing_pilot_scheme_applications/application_received/index.html) with the latest progress for public reference.

The DEVB announced earlier that the application period for the LSPS would be extended by one year to May 5, 2024, with its existing framework and requirements remaining unchanged. Interested project proponents should contact the LSO and submit applications as soon as possible.

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## **Labour Department to hold briefing on employment of foreign domestic helpers**

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a briefing on the employment of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) on June 28 (Wednesday), at 2.45pm at the

Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Enrolment is now open.

The employment rights and obligations of employers of FDHs will be introduced. The LD has also invited a representative from the Equal Opportunities Commission to share the best practices on how to create an inclusive workplace for FDHs. Employers of FDHs, especially first-time employers, are welcome to attend.

The briefing will be conducted in Cantonese and admission is free. Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The enrolment deadline is June 26 (Monday). The enrolment form can be downloaded from the department's website ([www.labour.gov.hk](http://www.labour.gov.hk)). For enquiries, please contact the LD at 3582 8993.