

## Transcript of remarks by SFH at media session

â€‹Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, after attending a radio programme today (July 4):

Reporter: Professor Chan, you estimated that half of the population has to be vaccinated by August in order to achieve herd immunity, so judging from the trend, would you say herd immunity is almost unachievable?

Secretary for Food and Health: Currently, there are more people who have booked for vaccination. There were over 60 000 people who got vaccinated (yesterday), either the first or second dose. Obviously, if this momentum is being kept until September, there is a possibility we can achieve 50 per cent. But of course, we have to be very cautious, because as I have said, the momentum has to be kept. If there are less people who embark on vaccination, we may not be able to achieve, so we have to continue our promotion efforts. Of course, 50 per cent is not enough, if we are talking about building herd immunity. Many of our experts actually said it has to be at least 70 per cent. But I think if this momentum can be kept, or further strengthened, for example in the elderly group, young people as well as different frontline groups who actually would be benefited more if they get vaccinated. If these groups come forward to take the vaccine, I think the vaccination rate can be further increased, but I think more work would need to be done.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

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## Police National Security Department takes over case involving lone-wolf terrorist attack

Police National Security Department (NSD) yesterday (July 3) took over the attempted murder and suicide case happened outside 555 Hennessy Road in Causeway Bay on July 1, in which an attacker used a knife to wound a male police officer and committed suicide.

Police noticed messages circulating online that encouraged citizens to pay tribute and mourn for the attacker who attempted to murder a police officer. There were even parents bringing young children to grieve for the attacker's death, trying to glorify, romanticise, make heroic and even

rationalise the blatant violence of the attacker.

Police spokesman stated that the radical and violent acts in this case obviously challenged the rule of law. Hong Kong is a society that upholds the rule of law and people should abide by the law. Advocating members of the public to mourn for the attacker is no different from supporting terrorism. It will incite further hatred, divide the society and eventually breach social order and endanger public safety, threatening every one in Hong Kong. Members of the public should remain rational, discern fact from fallacy and not to tolerate or glorify violence. We should not let misinformation mislead the next generation into going astray or even worse to become terrorists.

Police initial investigation revealed that this was a lone wolf-style act of domestic terrorism in which the attacker was believed to be radicalised by myriad fake information but will not rule out any possibilities. The NSD is now conducting active investigations into the case including whether there was any accomplice involved, whether the attacker was incited by others to commit the crime, whether there was any person in control or support behind the scene, etc. Anyone who has information to offer in connection to the case is urged to contact NSD via NSD reporting hotline (WeChat ID: NSD62717171, SMS: 62717171) or email (NSD-public@police.gov.hk).

Police reiterate that the cyber world of the Internet is not a virtual space beyond the law. Most of the ordinances stipulated in the real world may also apply for the cyber world. According to section 9 and 10 of the Crimes Ordinance, any person who does or attempts to do, or makes any preparation to do, or conspires with any person to do, any act with a seditious intention, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of \$5,000 and to imprisonment for two years.

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## [Housing Authority installs visual fire alarm system inside PRH flats for hearing-impaired tenants for free \(with photos\)](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

To address the needs of hearing-impaired tenants, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) will install a visual fire alarm (VFA) system inside their public rental housing (PRH) flats for free to assist them to notice fire alarms promptly. Hearing-impaired tenants who intend to apply for the installation of the VFA system inside their flats may approach their respective estate offices.

"Since March last year, we have introduced a voluntary scheme to install the VFA system inside PRH flats. We started a trial installation of the VFA system inside a PRH unit earlier and monitored its operation over a period of time. We find it reliable and workable, even during hot weather and in a humid environment. In view of the positive outcome, we are extending the installation of the VFA system inside PRH units for hearing-impaired tenants upon their request and signing of an undertaking for such installation," a spokesman for the HA said today (July 4).

"Our voluntary scheme to install the VFA system inside PRH flats with hearing-impaired tenants is free of charge, subject to technical feasibility. So far, over 40 units at 34 PRH estates have completed installation," the spokesman said.

After installation, once the fire alarm of a building is triggered, the VFA system inside the flat will flash simultaneously to alert hearing-impaired tenants to the fire hazard.

"Since the VFA system for hearing-impaired tenants has to connect to the communal fire service system of the building to effect a simultaneous fire alert, requests from the HA's tenants at estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme or Buy or Rent Option will be processed if the owners' corporation concerned approves such connection," the spokesman added.



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## [Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) will meet on Tuesday (July 6) to consider four applications for renewal of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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TMK & HONJO in Sheung Wan

New Territories:

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Marine Outer Waters District Officers' Mess in Sha Tin  
RIVERSIDE GRILL and COOL in Tseung Kwan O

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. In response to the latest developments of COVID-19, to avoid the gathering of people in an enclosed environment and to safeguard the health of all participants, only limited public seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for all open hearings of the LLB in the interim.

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## Staying fit amid COVID-19

To motivate the public to stay safe and fit during the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government is giving citizens the opportunity to exercise in the comfort of their own homes via online classes.

With professional coaches as teachers, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes offer various types of activities which are suitable for people of all ages.

News.gov.hk spoke to two coaches to learn more about this scheme.

The story is available at [www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature](http://www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature) today (July 4) in text and video format.