

CITY



Marketing formula
Milk makers agree on new code of practice for promotions

> HEALTH C3

Bleeding the sick
Private hospitals are raising fees while making big surpluses

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All hands on deck
Sailors cast off for HK to Vietnam race

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CITY DIGEST

Media improvement measures at new Legco

A series of improvement measures were rolled out by the government yesterday in response to criticism over curbs on the media at the new Legco headquarters at Tamar, including opening a passage between the chamber and ante-chamber, where lawmakers always pass by. One more press room, closer to the chamber, is being added and the press area at the entrance will be set in a better position.

Jobless rate remains at 3.2 per cent

The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.2 per cent for July to September, while the under-employment rate fell from 1.8 per cent to 1.7 per cent.

Year set to be one of city's top 10 driest

This year is on track to become one of the top 10 driest on record, the Observatory said. Only 1,386 millilitres of rainfall was recorded until October 17, which was 39 per cent less than normal. The driest year on record is 1963, when 901 millilitres of rainfall fell on the city.

SECURITY

ISRAELI HELD OVER AIRPORT BREACH

Investigation under way after 'emotional' man breaks into restricted area and injures five airport workers, halting shuttle express for four hours

Clifford Lo and Danny Mok

An Israeli man was questioned by police last night after he managed to breach a restricted area at Hong Kong International Airport and injure two armed officers from the Airport Security Unit.

The 27-year-old man, who also injured three airport staff, had to be pepper-sprayed by the officers before he could be restrained.

The security breach, in which the man got on the tracks of the airport shuttle train system shortly before 4pm yesterday, is the first of its kind since the facility opened in 1998.

The incident halted train services between two stations in the east and west halls of Terminal One for around four hours, and service resumed at 8pm, according to the Airport Authority.

A spokeswoman said authorities were investigating how the man, whom police identified only as

"Ben", got into the restricted area. Police described him as being "emotional" and said he injured two armed officers and three airport employees. Security officials used pepper spray on the suspect before he was overpowered and arrested, a spokesman said.

All five injured and the Israeli were treated for minor injuries at Princess Margaret Hospital in Kwai Chung. The Israeli was arrested on suspicion of assaulting police officers, but had

not been charged as of last night. The Airport Security Unit was formed in 1977 and provides security primarily in terrorist incidents at the airport, known as Chek Lap Kok.

Officers routinely carry Glock 17 pistols, Heckler & Koch MP5 sub-machine guns and expandable batons.

Philip Curlewis, an expert from a security and investigation company, said the man was "very lucky" not to be shot during the incident, as would have been the case if it had happened

at an airport in the United States or Europe.

But he said security at the Hong Kong airport was strong enough, such that cases of this kind were rare.

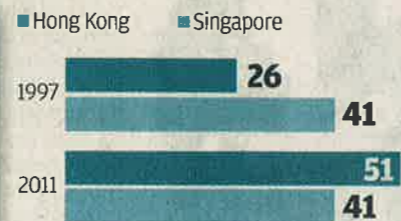
He said the government and the tourism board took the city's image into consideration when determining security levels.

"It's hard to justify an upgrade in airport security" when the majority of cases involve a low level threat of terrorist attack, Curlewis said.

WEALTH



Proportion of wealthy people surveyed who owned stocks or other securities (%)



Proportion of wealthy Hongkongers who owned a smartphone (%)



Source: Synovate



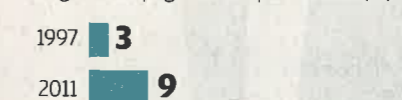
Proportion of the wealthy who bought property as an investment (%)



Proportion of wealthy Hongkongers who owned a watch worth at least US\$1,000 (%)



Proportion of wealthy Hongkongers who bought champagne in the past month (%)



Spending by the wealthy on cosmetics and fragrances this year (monthly average in US\$)



Sample: 20,000 across Asia, 1,747 in Hong Kong (top 20 per cent of earners based on monthly household income)

SCMP



Rich splash the cash