Inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue exercise 2017 held (with photos)

An inter-departmental exercise simulating a hill fire and mountain rescue operation was held at the hillside of Sai Kung East Country Park in the New Territories near Chong Hing Water Sports Centre this morning (October 19).

The participating departments and organisations were the Fire Services Department; the Hong Kong Police Force; the Government Flying Service; the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department; the Auxiliary Medical Service; the Civil Aid Service; the Home Affairs Department; the Social Welfare Department; the Hospital Authority; and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. About 160 personnel from the participating departments and organisations took part in the exercise.

The exercise aimed to enhance co-ordination, communication, command and control as well as logistical support capabilities among different departments and organisations during hill fire and mountain rescue operations. It also tested the effectiveness and co-operation of different emergency formations during fire-fighting and rescue operations.

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Fire Services personnel simulate the rescue of an injured person during an inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue operation exercise today (October 19).



An injured person is airlifted by the Government Flying Service to a helicopter during an inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue operation exercise today (October 19).



Ambulance personnel handle an injured person during an inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue operation exercise today (October 19).



A search and rescue dog of the Fire Services Department is deployed to the scene of an inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue operation exercise today (October 19).



An inter-departmental vegetation fire and mountain rescue operation exercise was held this morning (October 19). Picture shows the Acting Senior Divisional Officer (Central/Kowloon) of the Fire Services Department, Mr Wong Hau-on, speaking at the conclusion of the operation.