

# HK urges calm in bird flu case

**HONG KONG:** Hong Kong health authorities urged the public not to panic after the southern Chinese city reported its first human case of bird flu in 18 months in a two-year-old boy.

Authorities said the Chinese boy was in serious condition after testing positive for the deadly H5N1 strain of avian influenza and the city had raised the bird flu alert level to "serious" as well as increasing checks on live chickens imports.

The boy lives in Guangdong but came to seek treatment here on May 26.

The last reported human case of bird flu in Hong Kong was in November 2010 involving a 59-year-old woman. — AFP