

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 30) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach in Islands District; and Clear Water Bay First Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Appointments to Country and Marine Parks Board

The Government today (August 30) announced the appointments to the new term of the Country and Marine Parks Board (CMPB) for a period of two years with effect from September 1, 2019.

A spokesman of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said, "We thanked the Chairman and members of the new term of the CMPB for accepting this important task. We are confident that the CMPB will continue to provide the Government with constructive views on matters related to the establishment and management of the country parks and marine parks, with a view to encouraging more members of the public to get close to nature and understand the importance of nature conservation."

The AFCD expressed gratitude for the valuable contributions to the CMPB of the outgoing Chairman, Mr Tang King-shing, as well as members Mr Chan Ka-chun, Ms Suzanne M Gendron, Mr Steven Ho Chun-yin, Mr Billy Lam Chung-lun, Mr Eric Lee Chung-ming, Ms Katherine Ma Miu-wah, Dr Man Chi-sum, Mr Joseph Mo Ka-hung and Ms So Ka-man during their tenure.

In accordance with the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap 208) and the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap 476), the CMPB shall consider and advise the Country and Marine Parks Authority on the policy and programmes in respect of country parks and special areas, as well as marine parks and marine reserves.

The following members will serve in the new term:

Non-official members

Mr Ling Kar-kan (Chairman)*
Mr Chan Ka-kui
Ms Beatrice Chan Po-kam
Mr Cheung Siu-keung*
Dr Lewis Cheung Ting-on*
Dr Apple Chui Pui-yi*
Professor He Shen-jing
Professor Desmond Hui Cheuk-kuen*
Ms Judy Kiu Kin-yan
Dr David Lau Tai-wai
Dr Amelia Lee Nam-yuk
Mr Charles Lee Yee-keung
Professor Kenneth Leung Mei-yee
Professor Ng Sai-leung
Mr Ken So Kwok-yin
Dr Tang Chin-cheung*
Ms Nicole Wong Pik-yan
Ms Yip Yan-yan*
Mr Yu Hon-kwan*

* New appointee

Official members

- Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Ex-officio)
 - Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation with Assistant Director (Country and Marine Parks) as alternate member
 - Director of Environmental Protection with Assistant Director (Nature Conservation) as alternate member
 - Director of Home Affairs with Deputy Director (1) or Assistant Director (2) as alternate member
 - Director of Lands with Assistant Director (Specialist 2) as alternate member
 - Director of Leisure and Cultural Services with Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 3 as alternate member
 - Director of Marine with Assistant Director (Port Control) as alternate member
 - Director of Planning with Assistant Director (New Territories) as alternate member
 - Director of Water Supplies with Assistant Director (Development) as alternate member
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Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (August 30) will be cancelled.

Fatal traffic accident in Sha Tin

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Sha Tin this afternoon (August 29) in which a 56-year-old man died.

At about 1.33pm, a heavy goods vehicle (HGV), a light goods vehicle (LGV) and a bus driven respectively by a 46-year-old man, a 64-year-old man and a 56-year-old man were travelling in sequence along Shing Mun Tunnel Road towards Sha Tin. When approaching Mei Lam Estate, the three vehicles reportedly collided.

Sustaining multiple injuries, the bus driver was rushed to Prince of Wales Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 3.03pm. Six female and three male bus passengers, aged between 31 and 75, were injured and sent to Yan Chai Hospital in conscious state. The LGV driver was also injured and sent to Princess Margaret Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1346 or 3661 1300.

Fourth School Allocation Exercise 2019 invites applications for allocation of four primary school premises in three districts for reprovisioning use

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (August 29) that in the Fourth School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2019, three school premises under planning in Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts and one vacant

school premises in Kowloon City District are open for application by eligible school sponsoring bodies (SSBs) for reprovisioning of existing public sector and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) primary schools.

The new school premises under planning are located at Sheung Foo Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon City; Site No. KT2a, Development at Anderson Road, Kwun Tong; and Luk Lau Avenue, Wong Tai Sin. The vacant school premises is the ex-Hung Hom Government Primary School at 68 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom, Kowloon City. Details of the four premises are set out in the Annex.

"Infrastructure improvements to existing schools built to previous planning standards and designs may be infeasible due to the lack of space and other physical constraints. In this light, the EDB has identified three school premises under planning in Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts and one vacant school premises in Kowloon City District for allocation for reprovisioning of existing primary schools. This exercise is open to applications by existing public sector and DSS primary schools which are in need of infrastructure upgrades," an EDB spokesman said.

"Allocation of the school premises will be conducted on a competitive basis. Quality of education will be the prime consideration in assessing the applications. Factors to be considered include the operation track record of the school proposed to be reprovisioned, the quality of the school plan after reprovisioning and the physical condition of the school's existing premises. In general, we believe that schools with a site area of less than 3 000 square metres and premises over 30 years old which have not benefited or have only marginally benefited from the School Improvement Programme will warrant our serious consideration. The location of the applicant schools, i.e. whether they are currently operating in the same district as the location of the new school premises, will also be taken into account. However, these are not prerequisites for the submission of applications. Each case has to be assessed on its own merits.

"In line with the established arrangement for reprovisioning, the successful SSB will be required, upon allocation of the new premises for reprovisioning, to return its existing school premises. For those schools currently located within a private lot under the ownership of the SSB, the school or a third party related to the SSB/school, the relevant private land owner will be required to surrender the existing school premises and site to the Government," he added.

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee comprising official and non-official members. SSBs are required to complete an application form and submit it together with the required supporting documents, a proposed school plan (of not more than 10 pages including all annexes plus a two-page executive summary) and a list of operating school(s). The proposed school plan should cover the vision and mission, management and organisation, learning and teaching, school ethos and support for students, students' performance targets, self-evaluation indicators, etc. The SSB may also make reference to the school(s) that it is operating and the respective performance to substantiate its case.

In line with the EDB's established policy for school allocation, when submitting the application, the SSB should be exempt from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and be:

- (1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance (the successful SSB would be required to ensure that its articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school premises); or
- (2) incorporated under other ordinances, with its constitution satisfying the Permanent Secretary for Education as being fit to be considered for allocation of a school premises.

In addition, the SSB must be running one public sector or DSS primary school or more in Hong Kong and must be the registered SSB of the applicant school.

The application form for the Fourth SAE 2019 and other reference materials can be downloaded from the EDB homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/index.html>). More information on this SAE can also be found on the homepage.

The duly completed application form and supporting documents, together with 22 copies of the proposed school plan with executive summary and the list of operating schools, if any, should reach the Infrastructure and Research Support Division of the EDB (6/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) by 5pm on October 10, 2019. Late or incomplete applications, as well as applications via email, will not be processed.

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