

## Lifesaving services at Golden Beach resume

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has announced that the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (August 23). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

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## Lifesaving services at Clear Water Bay Second Beach resume

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## Illegal worker jailed

An Indian illegal worker holding a recognisance form was jailed by Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday (August 22).

During operation "Twilight" conducted on August 20, Immigration Department (ImmD) investigators raided a restaurant in Causeway Bay. An Indian male, aged 39, was arrested while working as a dishwashing worker.

Upon identity checking, he produced for inspection a recognisance form issued by the ImmD, which prohibits him from taking employment. Further investigation revealed that he was a non-refoulement claimant. An employer suspected of employing the illegal worker was also arrested and the investigation is ongoing.

The illegal worker was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday with taking employment after landing in Hong Kong unlawfully and remaining in Hong Kong without the authority of the Director of Immigration or while being a person in respect of whom a removal order or deportation order was in force. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment.

The ImmD spokesman warned that, as stipulated in section 38AA of the Immigration Ordinance, illegal immigrants or people who are the subject of a removal order or a deportation order are prohibited from taking any employment, whether paid or unpaid, or establishing or joining in any business. Offenders are liable upon conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and up to three years' imprisonment. The Court of Appeal has issued a guideline ruling that a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment should be applied in such cases.

The spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to the court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

Under the existing mechanism, the ImmD will, as a standard procedure, conduct initial screening of vulnerable persons, including illegal workers, illegal immigrants, sex workers and foreign domestic helpers, who are arrested during any operation with a view to ascertaining whether they are trafficking in persons (TIP) victims. When any TIP indicator is revealed in the initial screening, the officers will conduct a full debriefing and identification by using a standardised checklist to ascertain the presence of TIP elements, such as threat and coercion in the recruitment phase, and the nature of the exploitation. Identified TIP victims will be provided with various forms of support and assistance, including urgent interference, medical services, counselling, shelter, temporary accommodation and other supporting services. The ImmD calls on TIP victims to report crimes to the relevant departments.

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# Interdisciplinary performance of “Coco Chanel” explores influence of fashion

Norway's Jo Strømgren Kompani and the Netherlands' Ulrike Quade Company will stage an interdisciplinary performance co-production of "Coco Chanel" in October.

Coco Chanel was an icon of fashion. Through her bold designs, she helped liberate women from the corset. The interdisciplinary performance "Coco Chanel" features a wide variety of puppets, absurdist methods of puppetry and a great dash of wild imaginative theatre. The performance tells the eventful life of Coco Chanel who, from her upbringing in an orphanage would rise to the ranks of France's high society. Today, her name remains a symbol of equality and freedom for modern women.

The Jo Strømgren Kompani (JSK) was founded in 1998 and, from its base in Norway, has grown to become one of Scandinavia's most successful independent theatre groups. JSK's style is characterised by a peculiar mix of dance and theatre, with a distinct and often very physical humour combined with darker, political undertones. Another of its trademarks is an extensive use of nonsensical language and, in recent years, a playful use of the voiceover.

The Ulrike Quade Company was founded by Ulrike Quade in 1999 and is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It is a theatre company that combines highly visual sculpture and dance, mime and performance as well as language and music. Ulrike Quade is one of the Netherlands' most outstanding visual theatre practitioners. Her productions speak directly to audiences through their intensity and openness, and in the surprising way that objects and subjects come to life.

"Coco Chanel" by the Jo Strømgren Kompani and Ulrike Quade Company is part of the "Beyond Multi-arts" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It will be staged at 8pm on October 4 and 5 (Friday and Saturday) as well as at 3pm on October 5 to 6 (Saturday and Sunday) at the Studio Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Tickets priced at \$200 and \$280 are now available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and various discount schemes of the "Beyond Multi-arts" Series, please call 2268 7323 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi\\_arts/programs\\_827.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_827.html).

A pre-performance talk (in Cantonese) and a meet-the-artist session (in English) will be held. The pre-performance talk "Puppeting Coco Chanel: Crossover of the Art of Puppetry and a Fashion Icon" will take place at 3pm on September 28 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong Esplanade Causeway Bay Store and will be hosted by the General Manager of the International Association of Theatre Critics (Hong Kong), Bernice Chan. The speakers will include PhD in

Languages, Literature and Societies, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, Sonia Au; Founder and Artistic Director of the Rolling Puppet Alternative Theatre, Macao, Lam Teng Teng; and Founder of the Rolling Puppet Alternative Theatre, Macao, Kevin Chio. Admission is free with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. A meet-the-artist session will be held after the performance on October 4 (Friday). Admission is free. Members of the audience are welcome to stay behind for the session.

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## **Lifesaving services suspended at Golden Beach**

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 23) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District is suspended until further notice.

First aid service will be maintained at the beach.