

Old building shapes future leaders

The Government is committed to transforming historic buildings into centres of innovation. The former Fanling Magistracy is one example where the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Leadership Institute is using the Grade 3 historic building to nurture the city's youth.

News.gov.hk interviewed a representative from the institute and students to learn how Hong Kong's historic buildings are benefiting future leaders.

The story appears on news.gov.hk (August 18) in text and video format.

Red flag hoisted at Upper Cheung Sha Beach

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 18) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Upper Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Police condemn protestors breaching public peace

At the public event in Hung Hom yesterday (August 17), some protestors deviated from the original route as stated in the Letter of No Objection and obstructed roads including Prince Edward Road West and Ma Tau Wai Road. The protestors also smeared the outer walls and gates of buildings nearby, as well as hurled eggs and miscellaneous objects at the buildings.

The protestors then gathered outside Mong Kok Police Station, aimed laser beams and hurled objects at police officers. Traffic was also seriously obstructed after they blocked roads by miscellaneous objects.

Police began dispersal operation at around 7pm after repeated warnings issued to the protestors gathered in Mong Kok went to futile.

At around 7.30pm, a large group of protestors gathered on a footbridge near Mong Kok Road. They hurled an iron bucket, a litter container and miscellaneous objects at police officers and police vehicles under the footbridge. Police officers issued immediate but futile warnings. An iron bucket and a litter container hit the top of the police vehicle and fell onto the ground, seriously threatening the safety of police officers, members of the public and journalists at scene. To protect members of the public, police officers and everyone at scene from threats to life and serious injuries, a police officer shot a bean bag round at the assailant on the footbridge.

During the protests, Hung Hom, Kowloon City, Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station Report Rooms have once suspended services which affected the emergency services to the public.

Police condemn the protestors' behaviours which breached public peace. While Police respect the rights to express views peacefully and freedom to participate in public meetings and processions, Police also appeal to protestors to take into consideration public safety and public order.

Correctional officer stops fighting among remand persons in custody

Correctional officer at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre stopped a fight among remand persons in custody today (August 17).

At 10.47am today, four male remand persons in custody aged between 21 and 48 were found fighting inside the Dayroom. Officer at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

During the incident, one remand person in custody sustained injury to his head. He was referred to a public hospital for further examination and treatment after the treatment by the institution Medical Officer. The other three remand persons in custody did not sustain any injury.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The four persons in custody were remanded for the offences of robbery and trafficking in a dangerous drug respectively.

Government response to protests

In response to the protests today (August 17), a Government spokesman said the following:

In the protest in Kowloon City District today, some protesters deviated from the route approved by the Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions and specified on the Letter of No Objection, occupying roads in Kowloon City District and Yau Tsim Mong District for their procession and blocking the traffic. Some protesters vandalised the office of members of the Legislative Council and district facilities of an organisation along the way. Some people also assembled outside a police station and hurled objects at it. We condemn these illegal acts which challenge the rule of law in Hong Kong and breach the public peace.