

Red flags hoisted at some 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 3) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at St Stephen's Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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 3) will be cancelled.

Territory-wide flag day today

The Hong Kong Society for the Aged has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (August 3), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678. Information on flag days is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew) and the GovHK portal (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

Early closure of some LCSD facilities on Sunday

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (August 2) that in light of possible mass gathering activities in Tseung Kwan O and Central and Western District, the Hong Kong Velodrome, Hong Kong Velodrome Park Skatepark and Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground in Sai Kung District will be closed at 2pm while Kennedy Town Swimming Pool, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Soccer Pitch, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Basketball Courts and Sheung Wan Sports Centre in Central and Western District will be closed at 3pm on Sunday (August 4).

Sports For All Day 2019 will be held this Sunday, with free recreation and sports programmes at designated sports centres in the 18 districts and opening of leisure facilities for public use free of charge. The LCSD will closely monitor the situation in the vicinity of its venues and take appropriate contingency measures to ensure the safety of venue users and members of the public. This may include the announcement of early closure of possible affected venues at short notice. The LCSD appeals to members of the public who plan to go to those venues with mass gathering activities nearby to take note of the latest announcements (www.lcsd.gov.hk/clpss/en/webApp/News.do) or contact the venue concerned.

Appeal for information on missing girl in Ma On Shan (with photo)

Police today (August 2) appealed to the public for information on a girl who went missing in Ma On Shan.

Lee Yuk-yee, aged 14, went missing after she left her residence in Heng On Estate on July 29 morning. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.58 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build.

She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and long black hair. She was last seen wearing a black short-sleeved dress and a pair of white sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing girl or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1174 or 9143 9685 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

