

Government to sell site in Tuen Mun by public tender

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (July 19) that a site, Tuen Mun Town Lot No. 549 at the junction of King Sau Lane and King Fung Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories, in the 2019-20 Land Sale Programme will be disposed of by public tender. The tender invitation for the lot will commence on July 26 and close on August 23.

Tuen Mun Town Lot No. 549 has a site area of about 1,057.8 square metres and is designated for private residential purposes. The minimum gross floor area and the maximum gross floor area are 2,095 sq m and 3,490.7 sq m respectively.

Land sale documents including the Form of Tender, the Tender Notice, the Conditions of Sale and the sale plan of the lot will be available for downloading from the LandsD website (www.landso.gov.hk), and the sale plan will be available for distribution and inspection by the public from July 26, when the particulars of the tender will also be gazetted.

Re-appointment of Executive Director to SFC

The Government announced today (July 19) that the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, under the authority delegated by the Chief Executive pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571), has re-appointed Ms Christina Choi as the Executive Director (Investment Products) of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) for a term of three years from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2022.

Mr Chan said, "Ms Choi has made valuable contributions to the work of the SFC. I look forward to her continued service to the SFC in the new term."

Ms Choi was first appointed as the Executive Director (Investment Products) of the SFC in 2016. She assumes management responsibility for the Investment Products Division of the SFC, including the authorisation and regulation of investment products and the implementation of initiatives which can facilitate the further development of Hong Kong as an asset and wealth management centre as well as a preferred fund domicile.

Appointment of Non-Executive Director of SFC

The Government announced today (July 19) that the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, under the authority delegated by the Chief Executive under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571), has re-appointed Mr Lester Garson Huang as a Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC). The new two-year term of Mr Huang will begin on November 15, 2019.

Mr Huang is the Managing Partner and the Co-Chairman of P C Woo & Co, Solicitors.

Mr Chan said, "Mr Lester Huang has provided valuable advice and guidance to the SFC during his tenure. I look forward to his continued support for the work of the SFC."

The SFC is chaired by Mr Tim Lui Tim-leung. Other serving Non-Executive Directors are Mr Clement Chan Kam-wing, Ms Agnes Chan Sui-kuen, Mr Edward Cheng Wai-sun, Mr James C Lin, Mr Nicky Lo Kar-chun and Dr William Wong Ming-fung.

Term of non-permanent CFA judges extended

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Chief Executive has accepted the recommendations of the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to extend the terms of office of two non-permanent judges from other common law jurisdictions of the Court of Final Appeal for a period of three years commencing July 29, 2019:

The Honourable Mr Justice James Spigelman
The Honourable Mr Justice William Gummow

The Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance provides for a list of non-permanent Hong Kong judges and a list of judges from other common law

jurisdictions. The term of appointment of such judges is three years. That term may be extended for one or more periods of three years by the Chief Executive acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Justice.

Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (July 19) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay*).

Fourteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 18 as Fair (Grade 2) and seven as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	Lo So Shing Beach
Chung Hom Kok Beach	Repulse Bay Beach
Clear Water Bay Second Beach	St Stephen's Beach
Hap Mun Bay Beach	Stanley Main Beach
Hung Shing Yeh Beach	Tong Fuk Beach
Kiu Tsui Beach	Trio Beach
Kwun Yam Beach	Turtle Cove Beach

Grade 2 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Lower Cheung Sha Beach
Butterfly Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Middle Bay Beach
Castle Peak Beach	Pui O Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Shek O Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Discovery Bay	Silverstrand Beach
Golden Beach	South Bay Beach
Kadoorie Beach	Upper Cheung Sha Beach

Grade 3 beaches are:

Approach Beach	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
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Big Wave Bay Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach
Casam Beach

Lido Beach
Ting Kau Beach

* Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

Compared with the grading released last week, Clear Water Bay Second Beach has been upgraded from Grade 2 to Grade 1 and Silver Mine Bay Beach from Grade 3 to Grade 2. Discovery Bay has been changed from Grade 1 to Grade 2 and Approach Beach from Grade 2 to Grade 3.

"The changes are generally within the normal range of fluctuation of the bacteriological water quality of the beaches," an EPD spokesman said.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

While the ratings represent the general water quality at the beaches, the EPD spokesman reminded members of the public that water quality could be temporarily affected during and after periods of heavy rain. Bathers should avoid swimming at beaches for up to three days after a storm or heavy rainfall.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's website on Beach Water Quality (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.