

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (July 14).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and Chile enters into force

The Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and Chile entered into force today (July 14), bringing the total number of investment agreements in force between Hong Kong and foreign economies to 20.

Under the Agreement, the two sides undertake to provide investors of the other side with protections, including fair, equitable and non-discriminatory treatment of investments; compensation in the event of expropriation of investments; and the right to free transfers abroad of investments and returns. The Agreement also provides for settlement of investment disputes under internationally accepted rules.

The Agreement will give additional assurance to investors, facilitate investment flows between Hong Kong and Chile, and complement the existing Free Trade Agreement between Hong Kong and Chile in strengthening the economic and trade ties between the two places.

The Agreement was signed in November 2016. Both sides have completed their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement.

Hong Kong has so far signed 21 investment agreements with 30 foreign economies: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Australia, Austria, the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United Kingdom. All these investment agreements, except for the one with the UAE, have entered into force.

FS continues to attend AIIB Annual Meeting (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, in Luxembourg yesterday (July 13, Luxembourg time) continued to attend the Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

In the morning, Mr Chan attended an AIIB seminar on connectivity and co-operation between Asia and Europe and held a meeting with the Minister of Finance, Mr Liu Kun.

Mr Chan expressed his gratitude to the Central Government for its long-standing support for Hong Kong in making good use of its status as an international financial centre in the development of the Belt and Road Initiative. He said that the Hong Kong SAR Government will fully participate in and contribute to the development of the Initiative.

He added that the Hong Kong SAR Government will continue to encourage the Mainland and other Belt and Road economies to leverage on Hong Kong's strengths, and the Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office under the Hong Kong Monetary Authority will remain committed in promoting financing and investments of infrastructure projects.

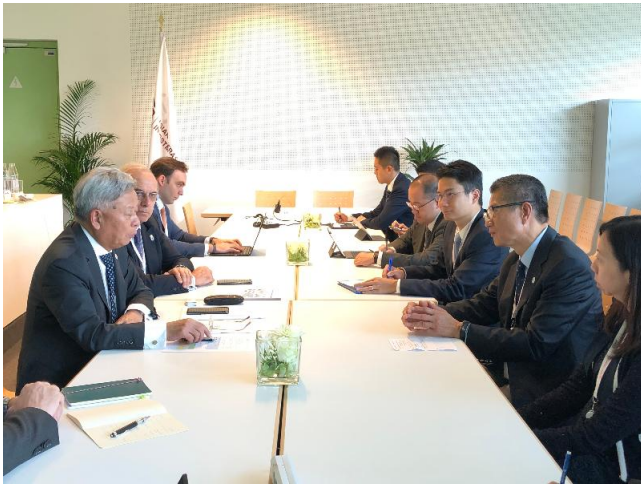
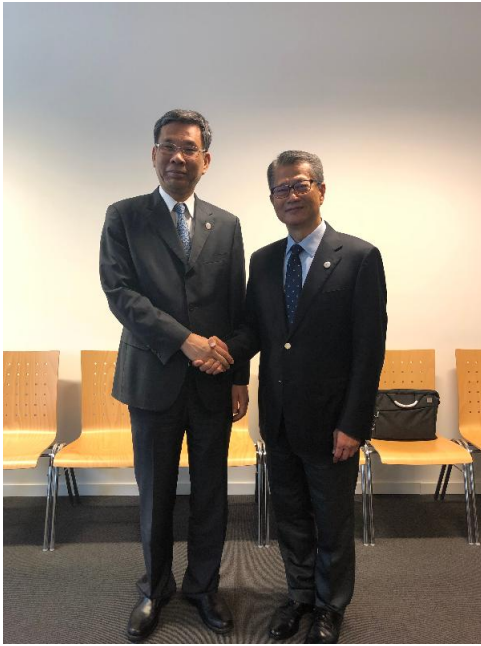
Mr Chan also said that the Hong Kong SAR Government welcomed the Ministry of Finance's issuance of Renminbi (RMB) sovereign bonds in the city, as this reinforces Hong Kong's status as the global offshore RMB business hub.

In addition, both sides exchanged views on strengthening co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland on the finance front, implementation of the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and Hong Kong's participation in AIIB's work.

In the afternoon, Mr Chan joined an AIIB Governors' Official Session, followed by a meeting with the AIIB President, Mr Jin Liqun. Mr Chan said that Hong Kong will continue to play a proactive role in the AIIB.

Mr Chan will depart for Hong Kong today (July 14, Luxembourg time) and

will land in the afternoon on July 15 (Hong Kong time).



52 votes cast in first hour of Yuen Long District Council by-election

52 electors (0.56 per cent) voted in the first hour of the Yuen Long District Council San Tin Constituency by-election which opened at 7.30am today (July 14). (The voter turnout figures are only for temporary reference.)

Two polling stations, located at Tun Yu School, San Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories and St. Gavriel Kindergarten, 1 San Wai Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories will remain open until 10.30pm today for 9 208 registered electors in the constituency to cast their votes.

A dedicated polling station has been set up at Yuen Long Police Station,

246 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories for electors in the San Tin Constituency who are remanded or detained by law enforcement agencies other than the Correctional Services Department (CSD) to cast their votes. The polling hours are from 7.30am to 10.30pm.

Electors in the constituency who are imprisoned or remanded in the CSD's custody can cast their votes at five dedicated polling stations set up at their respective penal institutions. For security reasons, the polling hours are from 9am to 4pm.

The Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC), Mr Justice Barnabas Fung Wah, Commission members Mr Arthur Luk, SC, and Professor Fanny Cheung, will visit the polling station this morning.

"Electors are advised to cast their votes as early as possible and read carefully the address of the designated polling station on their poll cards indicating where they should cast their votes," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office said.

"Electors must bring the original of their Hong Kong identity card or other specified alternative documents to the designated polling station to collect their ballot papers to cast votes. Voting is very simple. Electors must use the chop provided by the polling stations to stamp the ballot paper with a tick in the circle opposite the name of the chosen candidate, and fold the ballot paper inward in half before putting it into the ballot box," he said.

Once the poll is closed, the polling stations at the Tun Yu School and St. Gavriel Kindergarten will be converted into counting stations. The public will be able to watch the vote counting within the designated area at the counting stations.

To protect the secrecy of votes, the ballot boxes at the dedicated polling stations will be delivered to the counting station at the Tun Yu School for opening after the close of polling. The ballot papers concerned will be mixed with the ballot papers cast at the Tun Yu School before counting.

The election result will be announced at the counting station at the Tun Yu School.

An election hotline (2891 1001) is in service until 11pm to answer enquiries relating to the by-election.

A complaints hotline (2827 7251) is also in operation until 11pm to handle complaints about breaches of electoral rules or guidelines.

The two candidates contesting San Tin Constituency by-election are Man Ka-koy (No. 1) and Man Ka-ho Donald (No. 2).

For the Shap Pat Heung West Constituency of the Yuen Long District Council, as there is only one validly nominated candidate, Leung Fuk-yuen, the candidate was declared by the Returning Officer on June 21 as being duly

elected as an elected member for the above constituency at the by-election in accordance with section 39(1) of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547). Registered electors in the Shap Pat Heung West Constituency do not have to vote today.

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 (July 14) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Pui O Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.