Police appeal to the public to express views peacefully and rationally

Police received a notification from an organisation of its intention to hold a public order event in Kowloon today (July 7). After processing in accordance with the established mechanism, Police issued the Letter of No Objection to the organiser on July 5. The public meeting will be held at Salisbury Garden in Tsim Sha Tsui at around 3.30pm while the public procession will start by 4.00pm towards West Kowloon Station (WKS). Police anticipate that the traffic in the vicinity of Tsim Sha Tsui will be very congested during the event. Members of the public are advised to avoid driving to the above area and make use of public transport services as far as possible.

Police respect the public's freedoms of expression, speech and assembly. It is the policy of Police to facilitate all peaceful public events while at the same time ensuring public safety and public order. Members of the public should express their views in a peaceful and orderly manner. They should also follow the instructions of Police officers at scene or the marshals of the organiser.

Police also noticed that some people on the Internet and social media had called on members of the public to take part in non-cooperation movements which involve various illegal acts such as provoking Police officers or storming buildings. Members of the public should comply with the laws of Hong Kong and maintain social order when expressing their views. Should there be any confrontation, they should protect their own safety, maintain a safe distance from the violent protestors or leave the scene immediately so as to give Police enough space to deal with any violent and unlawful acts. If the public spot any suspicious persons or objects, they should inform Police under safety circumstances.

In order to facilitate the public order event in Kowloon today, the Transport Department will implement a series of special traffic arrangements in the afternoon where some roads in Tsim Sha Tsui will be temporarily closed and public transport will also be correspondingly diverted. Police officers will be on-site to guide motorists. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion, and observe the instructions given by the Police.

In addition, the MTR Corporation has announced that some special logistics arrangement will be in place at WKS today. Members of the public and tourists are advised to plan their journey in advance and pay attention to the latest traffic announcements to avoid any delay caused by road closure and traffic diversions.

<u>Companies Registry releases statistics</u> for first half of 2019

The total number of local companies registered under the Companies Ordinance was 1,381,924 at the end of June this year, according to the statistics released by the Companies Registry today (July 7).

A total of 64,051 local companies were newly registered during the first half of 2019, among which 23,751 were incorporated online at the e-Registry (www.eregistry.gov.hk) or via the "CR eFiling" mobile application.

The Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 2018 commenced operation on February 1, 2019. "The Amendment Ordinance seeks to improve the clarity and operation of the Companies Ordinance and further facilitate business in Hong Kong," said the Registrar of Companies, Ms Ada Chung. The accounting-related provisions have also been updated to reflect the latest accounting standards and to expand the types of corporate groups which qualify for simplified reporting.

In addition, the Non-Hong Kong Companies (Disclosure of Company Name, Place of Incorporation and Members' Limited Liability) Regulation (Cap. 622M) will come into operation on August 1, 2019 to align the disclosure obligations of non-Hong Kong companies with those of Hong Kong companies.

Regarding non-Hong Kong companies that have established a place of business in Hong Kong, 907 companies were newly registered under the Companies Ordinance in the first half of 2019, compared to 601 in the second half of 2018. The total number of registered non-Hong Kong companies had reached 11,708 by the end of June 2019.

The number of charges on assets of companies received for registration in the first half of this year was 9,983, a 14.57 per cent decrease from 11,686 in the second half of 2018. The number of notifications of payments and releases received for registration in the first half of this year was 9,800, a decrease of 19.60 per cent compared to 12,189 in the second half of 2018.

The number of documents delivered for registration during the first six months of 2019 decreased by 5.92 per cent to 1,753,002, compared to 1,863,345 in the second half of 2018.

A total of 2,588,991 searches of document image records were conducted using the Registry's electronic search services in the first half of 2019, an increase of 2.88 per cent compared to the figure of 2,516,429 in the second half of 2018.

Turning to the licensing of trust or company service providers under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance, during the first half of 2019, a total of 479 trust or company service provider licences

were granted, making the total number of licensees reached 6,576.

For details of the half-yearly statistics, please visit the "Statistics" section of the Registry's website (www.cr.gov.hk).

<u>Liquor Licensing Board to meet on</u> <u>Tuesday</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (July 9) to consider four applications for new issue, renewal, transfer and amendment of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong and Islands:

Stack in Sai Ying Pun Little Tomato Cafe in Causeway Bay City Bar in Cheung Chau

Kowloon:

Le Steak Specialiste in Yau Ma Tei

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

<u>Department of Health to organise</u> <u>roving roadshow health campaign</u>

The Department of Health (DH) will organise a roving roadshow health campaign in July and August this year to encourage members of the public to engage in physical activities in order to prevent non-communicable diseases (NCD) by developing and living a healthy lifestyle.

The roadshow health campaign will be held at designated locations across

seven districts in Hong Kong. The first session of the campaign will be held next Tuesday to Sunday (July 9-14) at Tin Tsz Shopping Centre in Tin Shui Wai and the next will be held at Long Ping Commercial Centre in Yuen Long (July 16-21), Choi Yuen Plaza in Sheung Shui (July 23-28), Chung On Shopping Centre in Ma On Shan (July 30-August 4), Shun Lee Commercial Centre in Kwun Tong (August 6-11), Fung Tak Shopping Centre in Wong Tai Sin (August 13-18) and Leung King Plaza in Tuen Mun (August 20-25).

To motivate the public to take the first step to "move for health" and make physical activity part of their daily lives, DH has developed and choreographed three aerobic dances for the roadshow health campaign, namely Lively Dance, Stretching Dance and Household Fitness Dance. The campaign mascot Lazy Lion will join every Sunday (i.e. event day) and there will be demonstration of the three dances. The public can also join to move for health. Interactive games, prize quiz, photo booth with Lazy Lion, health information leaflets and exhibition panels will also be featured during the roadshow.

The roadshow health campaign is part of the "Healthy Hong Kong 2025 | Move for Health" campaign which was launched by DH in December last year. The campaign aims to encourage the public to "move for health" and increase their physical activity to build an active lifestyle and prevent NCD.

Members of the public are invited to take part in the roadshow. The schedule is as follows:

	Games and Exhibition Days (1pm-7pm)	Event Day (11am-5pm) (Mascot "Lazy Lion" will join and dances will be demonstrated)	Location
1st Session	July 9-13, 2019	July 14, 2019	Tin Tsz Shopping Centre, Tin Shui Wai
2nd Session	July 16-20, 2019	July 21, 2019	Long Ping Commercial Centre, Yuen Long
3rd Session	July 23-27, 2019	July 28, 2019	Choi Yuen Plaza, Sheung Shui
4th Session	July 30-August 3, 2019	August 4, 2019	Chung On Shopping Centre, Ma On Shan
5th Session	August 6-10, 2019	August 11, 2019	Shun Lee Commercial Centre, Kwun Tong

6th Session	August 13-17, 2019	August 18, 2019	Fung Tak Shopping Centre, Wong Tai Sin
7th Session	August 20-24, 2019		Leung King Plaza, Tuen Mun

Please follow Lazy Lion's Facebook (www.facebook.com/lazylionhk) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/lazylionhk) pages for his latest moves.

Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun Bay 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 (July 7) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.