

Red flag lowered at Repulse Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (June 28) that the red flag at Repulse Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island has been lowered and the beach has been reopened.

The beach was closed earlier on after an oil spill.

CHP reminds public on precautions against heat stroke during very hot weather

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (June 28) reminded members of the public, particularly those undertaking outdoor activities, to take heed of necessary measures against heat stroke and sunburn in very hot weather.

"The public should carry and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration while engaging in outdoor activities," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"Those engaged in strenuous outdoor activities should avoid beverages containing caffeine, such as coffee and tea, as well as alcohol, as they speed up water loss through the urinary system," the spokesman explained.

"The obese, the sick, including those with heart disease or high blood pressure, the old and the young are more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses. They should pay special attention," the spokesman added.

The public should adopt the following precautions:

- Wear loose and light-coloured clothing to reduce heat absorption and facilitate sweat evaporation and heat dissipation;
- Avoid vigorous exercise and prolonged activities like hiking or trekking as heat, sweating and exhaustion place additional demands on the physique;

- Perform outdoor activities in the morning or late afternoon;
- For indoor activities, open all windows, use a fan or use air-conditioning to maintain good ventilation; and
- Reschedule work to cooler times of the day.

If working in a hot environment is inevitable, introduce shade in the workplace where practicable, and start work slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Get into a cool area for rest at regular intervals to allow the body to recuperate.

The public should also note the latest and the forecast Ultraviolet (UV) Index released by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). When the UV Index remains high (6 or above):

- Minimise direct exposure of the skin and the eyes to sunlight;
- Wear loose long-sleeved clothing made of close-woven fabrics;
- Wear a wide brim hat or use an umbrella;
- Seek a shaded area or put on UV-blocking sunglasses;
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen lotion with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or above. Apply liberally and reapply after swimming or sweating; and
- While using DEET-containing insect repellents for personal protection against mosquito-borne diseases, apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent.

If symptoms develop, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, shortness of breath or confusion, rest and seek help immediately, and seek medical advice as soon as possible.

The public may get more information from the DH's Health Education Hotline (2833 0111), [heat stroke](#) page and [UV radiation](#) page; the HKO's Dial-a-Weather (1878 200), latest [weather and forecast](#), [UV Index](#) and weather information for [hiking and mountaineering](#); and [press releases](#) of the Labour Department on precautions against heat stroke for outdoor workers and their employers when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force.

Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should inform their supervisors and seek medical help immediately.

[Very Hot Weather Warning issued](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

[Hongkong Post to issue "Underwater World of Hong Kong" special stamps \(with photos\)](#)

Hongkong Post announced today (June 28) that a set of special stamps on the theme "Underwater World of Hong Kong" and associated philatelic products will be released for sale on July 16 (Tuesday).

Not far from its vibrant urban areas, Hong Kong has a beautiful and undisturbed natural coastline accommodating a unique ecological habitat for an absorbing mix of tropical and temperate marine life.

To promote a better understanding of our marine ecosystem in the hope of appreciating and preserving our precious marine resources, Hongkong Post will issue a set of six special stamps to make a collage of the intriguing underwater world of Hong Kong. This issue also includes a fish-shaped souvenir sheet with fish-shaped perforations as well as six mini stamp sheets, which are the first of their kind and highly collectible.

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post website at www.hongkongpost.hk and via the Hongkong Post mobile app.

Underwater World of Hong Kong



Mini Stamps.



Special Postmark.



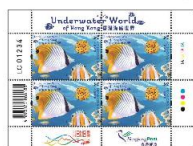
Colour Postmark.

Underwater World of Hong Kong



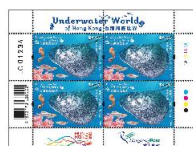
Souvenir Sheet.

Underwater World of Hong Kong



Mini Stamp Sheets.

Underwater World of Hong Kong



Mini Stamp Sheets.



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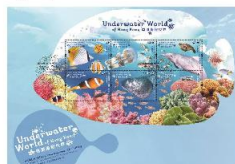


First Day Cover (Back).

Underwater World of Hong Kong

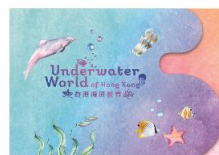


Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 stamps and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a souvenir sheet and date-stamped with associated special postmark.

Underwater World of Hong Kong



Presentation Pack (Cover).



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 stamps and date-stamped with associated colour postmark.



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a souvenir sheet and date-stamped with associated colour postmark.



Presentation Pack (Inside).