

## **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 (June 24) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Turtle Cove Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach and Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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## **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 (June 24) will be cancelled.

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## **CGO reopens today**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

The Central Government Offices (CGO), Tamar will be reopened today (June 24). Staff working in the CGO can enter the workplace via staff entrance on 2/F of the East Wing.

Government vehicles or vehicles with valid permit may enter West Wing of CGO via Lung Wo Road and Tim Wa Avenue.

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## Correctional officers stop assault on person in custody

Correctional officers at Tong Fuk Correctional Institution on Lantau Island stopped a person in custody from assaulting another person in custody today (June 23).

At around 5.40pm today, a 35-year-old male person in custody attacked another 24-year-old male person in custody with a table tennis racket in the activity yard. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the assailant and used OC foam to subdue him after warnings were ignored.

The victim sustained head injury. After examination and treatment by the medical officer of the institution hospital, he was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. The assailant did not sustain any injury.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The two persons in custody were sentenced to imprisonment for the offences of robbery and detention of a person respectively.

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## Hospital Authority announces an incident of software problem in pathological test equipment

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (23 June) announced the following incident of software problem in pathological test equipment:

The HA received notification from Abbott Laboratories Limited (Abbott) on June 18 about a software issue in the pathological test equipment "Alinity ci-series System". The software problem may cause incorrect patient results if the equipment is stopped and then restarted under a particular start-up procedure.

There are a total of 13 Alinity ci-series analysers in the HA, which are installed at Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH).

The supplier's engineers and hospitals concerned have reviewed the system logs and testing procedures of all the equipment concerned from June

2018 onwards, which was the service period of these equipment.

The spokesperson pointed out that all test results of PWH were unaffected at PWH.

"In PMH, there are 102 tests involved, which are mainly for hepatitis and HIV serology testing. Among the tests, results of 67 tests have been reconfirmed correct. There are also 35 tests involving 22 patients that require further review on the need of retesting. The hospital will approach the patients to explain the necessary follow-up arrangement in due course."

"In TMH, there are 92 tumour marker and other tests involving 86 patients that require further review on the need for retesting. The review by clinicians is underway and the patients will be approached for the necessary arrangement accordingly," the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, all hospitals will adopt necessary procedural steps in using the equipment as recommended by the supplier to mitigate the issue until the software upgrade is available. The HA has reported the incident to the Department of Health.