

## Public urged to report flooding

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Members of the public are advised to report any street flooding that comes to their notice to the Drainage Services Department by calling the 24-hour drainage hotline on 2300 1110.

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## Suspension of counter services at Hong Kong Licensing Office

The Transport Department (TD) announced this morning (June 13) that owing to the situation in Admiralty, the counter services for vehicle registration and other licensing and permit applications at the TD's Hong Kong Licensing Office will be suspended until further notice.

Members of the public are advised to go to Kowloon, Kwun Tong and Sha Tin Licensing Offices for counter services for vehicle licence and driving licence applications, and submission of applications under ex-gratia payment scheme. They may also place their applications into the drop boxes at all licensing offices or send the applications to the TD by post.

For other services, members of the public can visit the following relevant licensing offices:

- Sha Tin Licensing Office: vehicle first registration,
- Kowloon Licensing Office: direct issue of full Hong Kong driving licence, passenger service licence and other licensing services for public vehicles, Hire Car Permit and Lantau Close Road Permit

For enquiries, please call 2150 7728.

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## Flag-raising ceremony suspended

Owing to the maintenance works on the flag poles and the podium at the

Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai, the flag-raising ceremony scheduled at 8am today (June 13) will be suspended.

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## **CGO is temporarily closed**

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

Due to security reason, the Central Government Offices (CGO) will be temporarily closed today and tomorrow (June 13 and 14).

Staff working in the CGO should not go to the workplace and should work in accordance with the contingency plans of their respective bureaux or departments. All visits to the CGO will be postponed or cancelled.

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## **Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs and solutions suspected of containing Part 1 poison (with photos)**

Hong Kong Customs seized about 2 kilograms of suspected cannabis buds and about 6 kilograms of assorted products containing suspected tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and solutions suspected of containing nicotine with an estimated market value of about \$300,000 in total at Hong Kong International Airport and in Tsim Sha Tsui on June 3 and yesterday (June 11) respectively.

Customs officers inspected an air consignment from the United States at Hong Kong International Airport on June 3 and seized the batch of suspected cannabis buds.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday seized the batch of assorted products containing suspected THC and solutions suspected of containing nicotine weighed about 6 kilograms at a retail shop selling smoking products in Tsim Sha Tsui. Three persons suspected to be in connection with the case were arrested. They include a 29-year-old woman, a 40-year-old man and a 30-year-old man.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hong Kong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs also reminds that cannabis and THC are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

Under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, any person who possesses any poison included in Part 1 of the Poisons List other than in accordance with provisions commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for two years.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

