

Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool temporarily closed

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 announced today (June 12) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool in the Central and Western District has been temporarily closed until further notice to ensure the safety of swimmers.

Auctions of personalised vehicle registration marks on July 6 and August 4

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 12) announced that two auctions of personalised vehicle registration marks (PVRMs) will be held on July 6 (Saturday) and August 4 (Sunday) at Meeting Room N101, L1, and Meeting Room N201, L2, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai, respectively.

"A total of 206 and 208 approved PVRMs will be put up for public auction. The lists of the marks were posted on the department's website, www.td.gov.hk, today," a department spokesman said.

The reserve price of all these marks is \$5,000. Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$5,000 should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price). Otherwise, the PVRM concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

- (i) Paddle bidding will be used at this auction;
- (ii) The display of a PVRM on a motor vehicle should be in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations;

(iii) Any change to the arrangement of letters, numerals and blank spaces of a PVRM, i.e. single and two rows as auctioned, will not be allowed;

(iv) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through the Easy Pay System (EPS), or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM immediately after the bidding of the PVRM concerned. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted. For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed; and

(v) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the PVRM to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the PVRM within 12 months, allocation of the PVRM will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

"Upon completion of the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM, the purchaser will be issued a receipt and a Certificate of Allocation of Personalised Registration Mark. The Certificate of Allocation will serve to prove the holdership of the PVRM. Potential buyers of vehicles bearing a PVRM should check the Certificate of Allocation with the sellers and pay attention to the details therein. For transfer of vehicle ownership, this certificate together with other required documents should be sent to the Transport Department for processing," the spokesman said.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of PVRM, which is available at the department's licensing offices or can be downloaded from its website, www.td.gov.hk.

Lifesaving services resume at Cafeteria Old Beach

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has announced that the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (June 12). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

Hospital Authority appeals to avoid affecting emergency services

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In view of the traffic conditions on Hong Kong Island, the spokesperson of the Hospital Authority (HA) made the following appeal today (June 12):

Amid the possible impact on traffic conditions on Hong Kong Island by the public demonstration activities, the HA appeals to the public for their co-operation to avoid affecting the emergency rescue and Accident and Emergency (A&E) services, including the ambulance conveyance service to A&E Departments.

In view of the traffic conditions in the Wan Chai area, the Government Flying Service will convey patients to other hospitals. The HA appealed for patients' understanding on the arrangement.

The HA will continue to maintain close liaison with all emergency rescue departments.

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 (June 12).

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.