

Lifesaving services suspended at Golden Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 11) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District have been suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

Application for new niches at Tsang Tsui and Wong Nai Chung Road columbaria to close this Friday

Application for some 20 000 new extendable niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium in Tuen Mun and Wong Nai Chung Road Columbarium in Wan Chai will close this Friday (June 14).

A Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) spokesman said today (June 11) that application for the niches in this exercise started on May 15 and will close at 5pm on June 14. Late applications will not be accepted.

There will be 20 160 standard niches, including 7 080 smoke-free niches and 13 080 non-smoke-free niches, and 220 non-smoke-free large niches at Tsang Tsui Columbarium for allocation in the first phase. Together with 855 smoke-free standard niches at Wong Nai Chung Road Columbarium, a total of 21 235 extendable niches will be allocated.

Applicants should only file one application form to apply for either a large niche or standard niche for the same deceased person. When applying for a large niche, the applicant has to fill in at least three deceased persons' particulars in the application form. For applications for a standard niche, the applicant has to fill in at least one deceased person's particulars.

Application forms can be downloaded from the FEHD's website (www.fehd.gov.hk) or obtained from the department's Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office; District Environmental Hygiene Offices;

Home Affairs Enquiry Centres; Post Offices on Cheung Chau, Lamma Island and Peng Chau and at Mui Wo and Tai O; or by fax through the enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

The completed application form together with copies of the required documents must be submitted by fax (2333 1716), email (apply_newniche@fehd.gov.hk) or in person to the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or by post to the above offices. Applicants holding the Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes or Certificates of Cremation of the deceased issued by the FEHD may fill in the electronic application form and submit the application online.

The FEHD will notify the successful applicants by SMS, email or post of the serial number of the designated niche allocated. Applicants can also check the results of their applications on the day after the drawing of lots and computer balloting at the FEHD's website, the Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or the Public Niche Allocation Office and through the enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

Leaflets about the arrangements of this niche allocation exercise are available for collection at the department's Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office; District Environmental Hygiene Offices; Home Affairs Enquiry Centres; or the Post Offices on Cheung Chau, Lamma Island and Peng Chau and at Mui Wo and Tai O. For details, please visit the FEHD's website, or call 2841 9111 or email enquiry_newniche@fehd.gov.hk for enquiries.

Information on the Cemeteries and Crematoria Offices and the Public Niche Allocation Office of the FEHD is as follows:

Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: 1J, Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Tel: 2570 4318

Fax: 2591 1879

Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office

Address: Upper Ground Floor, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2365 5321

Fax: 2176 4963

Public Niche Allocation Office

Address: Upper Ground Floor, Block B, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2330 5635

Fax: 2333 1716

Red flag at Clear Water Bay Second Beach Lowered

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 11) that the Environmental Protection Department has classified the water quality at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District as Grade 2, which means the water quality has improved and the beach is suitable for swimming. The red flag has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted at the beach earlier on due to the water quality being classified as Grade 4 and unsuitable for swimming.

Hong Kong Customs teams up with Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police to curb international drug trafficking activities (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs mounted a joint operation with Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police against drug trafficking by air mail between the two places from June 3 to 7.

During the operation a total of 20 cases were detected with the seizure of about 6.4 kilograms of suspected gamma-butyrolactone, about 1.8 kilograms of suspected drugs and about 7.5 kilograms of suspected Part 1 poisons. The estimated market value of the seizure is about \$700,000 in total.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to step up co-operation with overseas law enforcement agencies through intelligence exchange and joint operations to combat international drug trafficking activities.



[SCED starts his US visit meeting key interlocutors in New York \(with photo\)](#)

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, started his five-day visit to the United States (US) today (June 10, Eastern Standard Time) meeting key people in the financial, business, legal and academic sectors in New York at a roundtable breakfast meeting before proceeding to Washington, DC, in the afternoon to attend an event in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AmCham).

Mr Yau updated participants of the breakfast meeting on the latest economic development of Hong Kong and had useful exchanges with them on Hong Kong-US bilateral relations and the current state of international trade. He stressed that the unique strengths of Hong Kong are guaranteed under the Basic Law and that Hong Kong will endeavour to safeguard core values which are key to Hong Kong's continued success, including the rule of law and open and free markets.

At the AmCham reception, Mr Yau said Hong Kong has long been a preferred platform for American companies seeking to establish or expand their business in the Mainland of China or throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Few of Hong Kong's rivals can compete with its soft assets such as its institutions and professional services, coupled with its efficient and reliable hard infrastructure.

Mr Yau added that over the past 50 years bilateral relationship between Hong Kong and the US has gone from strength to strength, noting that during this period trade between the two economies has mushroomed, growing from roughly US\$8 billion to US\$70 billion. He hoped that AmCham can continue its role as an honest broker in conveying the importance of Hong Kong to American interests.

Mr Yau will continue his visit programmes in Washington, DC, tomorrow (June 11, Eastern Standard Time).

