

Traditional and trendy arts on offer at LCSD parks (with photos)

Members of the public are invited to visit the new phase of the Arts Fun Fair to be launched by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) at Kowloon Park this Sunday (June 2). Visitors can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the park while appreciating a wide range of handicrafts and artworks.

The 21st phase of the Arts Fun Fair at Kowloon Park runs from June 2 until May 31 next year, and will be open from 1pm to 7pm on Sundays and public holidays at the park's Loggia. There will be 25 stalls displaying and selling trendy craftworks including fabric crafts, knotting, pottery and ornaments as well as traditional arts products and services including painting, silhouette cutting and calligraphy.

The Arts Fun Fair aims at enhancing public interest in the arts and enriching the arts atmosphere in Hong Kong. It will also make the park more appealing and enjoyable for park-goers, a spokesman for the LCSD said.

"The Arts Fun Fair at Kowloon Park has been well received by the general public. In addition to the fair, other specialised facilities in the park, such as the Sculpture Walk, the Sculpture Garden and the Maze Garden, also win the hearts of visitors enjoying fun-filled weekends," the spokesman said.

In addition to the fun fair at Kowloon Park, arts corners at Hong Kong Park and Victoria Park have also commenced.

The 19th phase of the Hong Kong Park's Arts Corner is now open from noon to 6pm every Saturday, Sunday and public holiday. It will continue until December 31 at the outdoor area near the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware inside the park. There are 10 stalls in operation featuring straw-weaving works, floral artworks, handmade soaps and ornaments, as well as arts stalls providing cultural and arts services including painting, silhouette cutting and portrait drawing.

The 20th phase of the Arts Corner in Victoria Park will run until March 29, 2020, and is open from 10am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays at the park's South Pavilion Plaza. It comprises 18 stalls, displaying and selling various kinds of handicraft products and artistic works including fabric crafts, leather goods, floral artworks and ornaments, as well as providing arts services including photography and calligraphy. The arts corner will be suspended when there are major events in the park.

For enquiries, please call 2724 3344 (Kowloon Park), 2521 5041 (Hong Kong Park) or 2890 5824 (Victoria Park).



Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled central processing units (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 30) seized 1 824 suspected smuggled central processing units (CPUs) with an estimated market value of about \$2.8 million at Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing private car at Shenzhen Bay Control Point yesterday evening and seized 1 824 CPUs concealed inside the car's spare tyre.

The 42-year-old male driver was arrested and charged with one count of attempting to export unmanifested cargo. He will appear at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on June 13.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

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



Red flag at Approach 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 (May 31) that the Environmental Protection Department has classified the water quality at Approach Beach in Tsuen Wan District as Grade 3, 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 on the beach earlier on due to the water quality being classified as Grade 4 and unsuitable for swimming.

Transcript of remarks by CE at media session (with video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at a media session after attending the "Israel-Hong Kong: Women-to-Women Bridge" forum today (May 31):

Reporter: Would the Taiwanese government be able to file any extradition request, and what do you say to the accusations that you are only entertaining requests from the business sector, but not the others?

Chief Executive: As far as how we are going to deal with the Taiwan case, we have repeatedly said that the first thing is to establish a legal basis. With that legal basis, then we can entertain a request from the Taiwan authorities to provide mutual legal assistance and to surrender the fugitive offender. What we said yesterday is not just targeting the Taiwan case, because this piece of legislation has dual objectives – apart from providing the legal basis to deal with the Taiwan case, we also need to plug the loophole in the existing system of providing mutual legal assistance and in the surrender of fugitive offenders. We are providing additional assurance that since this is such a serious matter and it is going to be conducted on a case-by-case basis, we will request the requesting party to be at a very senior level – normally it will have to be at the central government level rather than at provincial government level. How it would actually work out with the Taiwan authorities, we cannot say at the moment, but we will certainly follow up.

As far as whether we are favouring a particular sector, I would categorically say no. If you look seriously into the six measures under the three categories, they actually deal with concerns and ideas or suggestions raised by a cross-spectrum of bodies, including some from lawyers who want more assurances on the human rights front. I wouldn't accept any accusation that this is done for the business sector.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

[Red flag hoisted at Lower Cheung Sha Beach](#)

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 (May 31) that the Environmental Protection Department has classified the water quality at Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District as Grade 4, which means the beach is not suitable for swimming. The red flag has been hoisted. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.