

## Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin tomorrow

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting tomorrow (May 18).

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.

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## Inter-departmental drill on emergency response to flooding in Tai O (with photos)

The Islands District Office (IDO), in collaboration with relevant government departments and local organisations, conducted a rescue and evacuation drill today (May 17) to enhance their preparedness in the event of serious flooding in Tai O and to promote residents' understanding of the emergency response arrangements.

The Fire Services Department (FSD), the Police, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Housing Department, the Civil Aid Service (CAS), the Tai O Rural Committee, the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council and the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office participated in the drill.

According to the emergency response plan, when HKO forecasts that the sea level at Tai O will rise to 3.3 metres Chart Datum (mCD) or more in the

next few hours during a tropical cyclone, the HKO will issue an early alert by SMS to relevant government departments/organisations and resident representatives/fishermen representatives. Upon receipt of the early alert, IDO will activate an emergency co-ordination centre at the Tai O Rural Committee Office, jointly set up by the IDO, the FSD, the Police, the SWD, other government departments concerned and relevant non-governmental organisations. The emergency co-ordination centre will co-ordinate any necessary evacuation, rescue and emergency relief efforts for Tai O.

Meanwhile, upon receipt of the early alert from HKO, the resident representatives/fishermen representatives will help to disseminate the information to residents so that they can stay vigilant for flooding and take refuge in safe locations if needed. Temporary shelters at the Tai O Rural Committee Office, the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office on the ground floor of Lung Tin Shopping Centre as well as the Lung Tin Transit Centre will be opened for residents in need.



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## [Lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach resume](#)

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 has announced that the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (May 17). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

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## **SRPA initiates prosecution against first-hand residential development vendor for suspected contraventions of ordinance**

The Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority (SRPA) today (May 17) said that, a vendor, in offering a first-hand residential development to be sold by way of tender, was suspected of contravening the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance because of insufficient transparency in the transaction information. The SRPA has laid a summons to initiate prosecution against the vendor concerned.

The SRPA noticed earlier that there were individual cases of first-hand residential developments offered to be sold by way of tender with insufficient transparency in the sales process and the transaction information, which might have contravened the Ordinance. As such, the SRPA proactively investigated these cases. After investigation, collecting evidence and seeking Department of Justice's advice, it is decided to prosecute the vendor of the development concerned.

The development concerned is located at Pak Shek Kok. After selling the relevant residential properties in the development on March 22, 2019, the vendor did not set out full details of the terms of payment in the Register of Transactions and was suspected of contravening sections 59(1)(g) and 59(6) of the Ordinance.

The case will be heard in Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts on July 9.

According to the Ordinance, the vendor commits an offence if it does not set out the terms of payment (including any discount on the price, and any gift, or any financial advantage or benefit, made available in connection with the purchase) in the Register of Transactions for the development and is liable to a fine of \$500,000 upon conviction.

Apart from the above prosecution work, the SRPA issued a Reminder for the Trade on April 12, requiring vendors to set out the full details of the terms of payment as agreed between vendor and purchaser for the purchase of each specified residential property if they have offered any discount, gift, financial advantage or benefit to the purchasers in the sales of first-hand residential properties. Such information would assist prospective purchasers to better understand the market conditions and obtain accurate information to make informed decisions when purchasing first-hand residential properties. Moreover, the Register of Transactions should be self-contained so that prospective purchasers do not have to refer to other documents or materials for details of the terms of payment.

In addition, the SRPA has launched an Announcement in the Public Interest for broadcast on radio stations today to remind prospective purchasers that if they are going to bid for a first-hand residential property, they should refer to the Register of Transactions of the development before bidding to know the prices, rebates and benefits of similar properties; should bear in mind that the relevant rebates may affect the loan-to-value ratio and the mortgage amount; and should make a deliberate decision before bidding as the deposit will be forfeited if they do not make a purchase after a successful bid.

"The SRPA has all along been taking a three-pronged approach to enforce the Ordinance, i.e. to step up compliance checks, inspections, as well as collection of required evidence for prosecutions; to continuously improve the trade's compliance with the Ordinance; and to foster public awareness of the Ordinance. The Government will take action seriously on any cases involving insufficient transparency in the sales process and transaction information. We will continue to monitor closely the sales of first-hand residential properties by tender to ensure that the level of transparency of the sales of first-hand residential properties by tender is the same as that for open sales with price lists," a spokesman for the SRPA said.

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## Woman holding charged with manslaughter

Police today (May 17) laid a holding charge against an 89-year-old woman with one count of manslaughter.

The woman was arrested yesterday (May 16) in suspected connection with a manslaughter case in Sau Mau Ping on the same day, in which an 85-year-old woman died.

The case will be mentioned at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 18).