

Transcript of remarks by Director of Highways

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Director of Highways, Mr Chan Pai-ming, on ventilation fan components of the Air Purification System at the East Ventilation Building of the Central – Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link at a media session after attending the special meeting of the Legislative Council Finance Committee today (April 10):

Reporter: How rare it is for the ventilation system to break down in such a short time?

Director of Highways: It is not a very common situation and that is why we are carrying out a detailed investigation to find out the cause of the problem, what led to the damage of the ventilation fans. When we have the results of the investigation, we will take necessary actions and follow up with the parties concerned.

Reporter: Was the damage severe?

Director of Highways: Altogether there are 15 ventilation fans (in the East Ventilation Building). We found that seven of the fans had some problems. This is the extent of the problem that we can see now.

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

URBTIX outlet at Tom Lee Tuen Mun Branch to cease operation from May 1

The URBTIX outlet at Tom Lee Tuen Mun Branch (Shop Nos. 3-5, Level 2, South Wing of Trend Plaza, Tuen Mun) will cease operation from May 1 (Wednesday), a Leisure and Cultural Services Department spokesman announced today (April 10).

Patrons can purchase tickets at other URBTIX outlets. For details of the locations and opening hours, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ticket/counter.html.

Tickets can also be purchased via the website www.urbtix.hk and the mobile ticketing app My URBTIX (Android and iPhone versions) throughout the day, and through the credit card telephone booking hotline 2111 5999 from

10am to 8pm daily.

EMSD announces test results of LPG quality in March 2019

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (April 10) announced that the department collected 10 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) samples from auto-LPG filling stations and LPG terminals on a random basis in March 2019 for laboratory tests. The results showed that the LPG quality of all these samples complied with auto-LPG specifications.

The detailed test results are available on the EMSD's website (www.emsd.gov.hk/en/rl/lpg_sample_analysis_simple). Enquiries can also be made to the EMSD's hotline on 2333 3762.

In addition, the EMSD has been vetting independent third-party test reports submitted by LPG supply companies for each shipment to ensure that the quality of imported LPG complies with the specified requirements.

Premium waived for six footbridges or subways financed by private sector

The Government announced today (April 10) that the Chief Executive in Council has approved premium waivers for six footbridges or subways in Kowloon Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Wan Chai (location plan at Annex).

Approved private organisations will be required to bear the design, construction, management and maintenance responsibilities and related costs of the footbridges or subways, and provide 24-hour barrier-free public access at the future footbridges or subways. The applicants will also need to separately work on other issues related to the implementation of the footbridges or subways such as their design, visual impact assessment, etc.

The 2016 Policy Address announced the implementation of a pilot scheme in Kowloon East to waive land premium for lease modification to encourage landowners to construct at their own cost footbridges or subways connecting their development with the public walkway systems. This serves to improve the area-wide pedestrian network, create a safe, comfortable and convenient walking environment, and encourage people to walk more. At the same time, the

Government would also consider premium waiver applications for individual footbridge or subway proposals outside Kowloon East on a case-by-case basis.

Based on an evaluation mechanism developed by academics of the University of Hong Kong, the Development Bureau (DEVB) has considered whether the above six footbridges or subways can bring about public benefits in multiple ways, including assessing whether the proposed footbridge or subway could provide an alternative to address the existing undesirable at-grade walking conditions, strengthen the area-wide walking network and attain local support. As per established practices, the Bureau has consulted the Land and Development Advisory Committee (LDAC), before submitting the applications to the Executive Council for approval.

A spokesperson for DEVB said that the proposed footbridge in Kowloon Bay would provide a more pleasant pedestrian experience than the existing rather vehicle-oriented pavement environment; enhance area-wide connectivity; and offer more choices on routing within the network for pedestrians together with other footbridge proposals in the area. As for the two proposed subways in Tsim Sha Tsui, they are located in close proximity to various attractions along the Tsim Sha Tsui harbourfront and would help enhance the connectivity of the area; provide further routing choices to pedestrians; and are likely to be used by a large number of daily commuters including transit passengers from nearby Tsim Sha Tsui and East Tsim Sha Tsui MTR stations.

Similarly, the proposed footbridge in Mong Kok and the proposed subway in Wan Chai will help strengthen the area-wide connections to the nearby MTR stations including Mong Kok, Mong Kok East and Wan Chai under a weather-proof environment. The proposed footbridge in Wan Chai, meanwhile, will bring convenience to needy groups when they visit various social welfare offices at Wu Chung House.

"The six proposed footbridges or subways in Kowloon Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Wan Chai are expected to bring benefits to the overall walkability and connectivity in the respective areas. All projects were also supported by the LDAC and the local communities. We will continue to work closely with the applicants to ensure timely implementation of the footbridges or subways," the spokesperson added.

[Appointments to Council on Human Reproductive Technology](#)

The Government today (April 10) announced the appointment of seven new members and re-appointment of two serving members to the Council on Human Reproductive Technology with effect from April 11, 2019, for a term of three years.

Re-appointed members

Dr Matthew Ng (Chairperson)

Ms Priscilla Wong Wai-yee

Newly appointed members

Ms Chan Ka-wai

Professor Cecilia Cheng

Dr Cheung Tak-hong

Dr Abril Choy Fung-peng

Mr Gavin Poon Ka-ming

Ms Wu Shuk-yin

Mr Christopher Yu Wing-fai

Established in 2001 under the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance, the Council on Human Reproductive Technology is tasked to regulate the conduct of reproductive technology including embryo research in Hong Kong through a licensing system and the publication of a Code of Practice for the relevant professions.

Under section 4(2) of the Ordinance, the Council consists of 26 members from a wide range of disciplines, including medical specialists, legal professionals, a social worker, a scholar in philosophy or ethics, a psychologist, a sociologist, local community leaders and government representatives.

The membership list of the Council with effect from April 11, 2019, is as follows:

Chairperson

Dr Matthew Ng

Deputy Chairperson

Ms Kam Yim-mui

Members

Dr Philip Beh Swan-lip

Mr Chan How-chi

Ms Chan Ka-wai

Professor Cecilia Cheng

Dr Cheung Tak-hong

Professor Cheung Yuet-wah

Dr Chow Kam-ming

Dr Abril Choy Fung-peng

Professor Sylvia Fung Yuk-kuen

Ms Ho Suet-chun

Professor Ma Lai-chong

Mr Gavin Poon Ka-ming

Reverend Dr Andrew Ng Wai-man
Dr Tang Kwok-keung
Dr Wong Man-sau
Ms Priscilla Wong Wai-yee
Ms Wu Shuk-yin
Ms Adelaide Yu Hoi-man
Dr Yu Kai-man
Mr Christopher Yu Wing-fai
Principal Assistant Secretary, Food and Health Bureau
Assistant Director, Department of Health
Assistant Director, Home Affairs Department
Chief Social Work Officer, Social Welfare Department