

## **Lifesaving services at Butterfly 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 Butterfly Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (April 5). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

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## **Red flags hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay 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 (April 5) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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## **Yellow fire danger warning**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (April 5) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

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## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs and solutions suspected of containing controlled medicine (with photo)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs seized about 9 kilograms of assorted products containing suspected tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) and solutions suspected of containing nicotine with an estimated market value of about \$45,000 at Hong Kong International Airport and in Cheung Sha Wan and Tsim Sha Tsui on March 31, April 1 and April 3 respectively.

Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel from the United States at Hong Kong International Airport on March 31 and seized about 2 kilograms of assorted products containing suspected THC. Customs officers then intercepted another air mail parcel and seized about 4 kilograms of assorted products containing suspected THC in Cheung Sha Wan on April 1. Both parcels were mailed from the United States to the same consignee address in Hong Kong.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (April 3) seized a small amount of suspected cannabis and a batch of assorted products containing suspected THC and solutions suspected of containing nicotine weighed about 3 kilograms in a retail shop selling smoking products in Tsim Sha Tsui. A 34-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hong Kong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs also reminds that cannabis and THC are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

Under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, any person who possesses any poison included in Part 1 of the Poisons List other than in accordance with

provisions commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for two years.

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



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## [HKETO Berlin hosts Hong Kong community gatherings in Berlin and Vienna \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin (HKETO Berlin) held gatherings for members of the Hong Kong community in Berlin, Germany, and Vienna, Austria, on April 1 (Berlin time) and 3 (Vienna time) respectively.

About 200 Hong Kong residents attended the gatherings, including those who have been living, working or studying in Berlin or Vienna, as well as young people who joined the working holiday schemes agreed between Hong Kong and Germany and between Hong Kong and Austria.

At the gatherings, the Director of HKETO Berlin, Mr Bill Li, introduced the latest developments in Hong Kong, especially the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Hong Kong Section of the Express Rail Link, which both greatly enhance Hong Kong's connectivity with the Mainland of China. With the many opportunities coming up in Hong Kong, he also encouraged the young people to make good use of their stays in Europe to widen their exposure and develop an international perspective, and said he looked forward to welcoming them in Hong Kong in their future pursuit of careers and aspirations. Moreover, Mr Li wished the Hong Kong community in the two places a happy and prosperous Year of the Pig.

About HKETO Berlin

HKETO Berlin is the official Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government representative in commercial relations and other economic and trade matters in Germany as well as Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.

