

## Young interns work to save nature

The Youth Internship Programme at the Wolong National Nature Reserve in Sichuan, funded by the Home Affairs Bureau and co-organised by Ocean Park, provides professional training to young people to enhance their understanding of nature conservation and ecotourism development.

News.gov.hk spoke to two participants in the programme last summer, who shared their experiences and discussed what they learnt during the six-week internship.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (March 10) in text and video format.

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## Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (March 10).

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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## Key statistics on service demand of

## **A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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## **Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (March 10) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **CDF marks 10th anniversary and guides over 17 000 grassroots children to plan for their future**

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (March 9) officiated at the Child Development Fund (CDF) 10th Anniversary Ceremony and reviewed its achievements in the last decade. Over 800 children and their mentors and family members as well as representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools attended the ceremony.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, and the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Chairperson of the

Steering Committee on the CDF, Ms Chang King-yiu, Mrs Lam joined members of the Steering Committee to host the launch ceremony for new project batches. The 37 new projects, comprising 27 seventh-batch projects operated by NGOs and 10 fifth-batch school-based projects, include three key components, namely personal development plans, mentorships and targeted savings, to help guide over 2 500 grassroots children and youths in total. Including the new projects, the CDF has so far launched 193 projects, bringing the cumulative number of participants to over 17 000.

In addition, Mrs Lam presented long service awards to volunteer mentors, project operators and supporting organisations at the ceremony to give recognition to their continued participation in and support for CDF projects in the last decade.

A graduation ceremony was also held for some 3 300 project graduates under fifth-batch projects operated by NGOs and second-batch school-based projects. Dr Law and Ms Chang delivered certificates of recognition to project operators, outstanding mentors, strategic partners and supporting organisations following their project completion. Awards of the "#Thank You Mentor" Video Contest in which graduates sent their regards to mentors via videos were presented. Graduates also staged music and magic performances and shared details of their experience in past activities at the graduation ceremony.

The CDF celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2018, which included a series of experiential programmes in collaboration with public and private organisations to broaden the horizons of grassroots children and youths. Programmes held include athletics training, a virtual reality game on money management, internships in information and communications technology, robotics workshops, simulation of working on board aircraft, and the 10th anniversary signature programme "Dream Cruises", which took grassroots children on a cruise journey.