

Car park at Hong Kong Wetland Park full

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The car park at Hong Kong Wetland Park is full. Motorists going to the Park can use the nearby public car parks at Tin Heng Estate, Tin Yat Estate, Grandeur Terrace or Tin Yip Road.

Members of the public are encouraged to take public transport to the Park.

Speech by FS at Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 Leaders Cup (English only) (with photos/video)

Following is the speech by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 Leaders Cup today (February 17).

Dear Bill (Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered, Mr Bill Winters), Benjamin (the Regional Chief Executive Officer, Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Mr Benjamin Hung), Mary (the Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Ms Mary Huen), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

It gives me great pleasure to be here, taking part in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon's Leaders' Cup 2019. A warm welcome to all of you participating alongside me.

Running has long been one of my favourite sports. It helps me keep fit and refreshes my mind. Having a clear mind is particularly important in the run-up to the annual Budget. This may be why Ben and Mary thought of me in selecting the participants for this year's Leaders' Cup race.

For those of you running with me, please feel free to give me your thoughts on the Budget during the run. But please note that in nodding my head, it does not mean I agree to adopt your suggestions. I may have simply

run out of breathe and can only nod my head as a polite response that I've heard you.

I understand the Leaders Cup today will also mark the launch of the creative and meaningful Belt and Road Relay, the first-ever running event along the Belt and Road. For those elite staff athletes joining the Relay, please enjoy the run. And I shall count on you to promote Hong Kong's key role, as an international financial centre, in providing top-notch financial services to support Belt and Road projects.

May I wish you all good running, and the best of business, in this year of the Pig. I shall stop here and get my feet ready. See you at the starting line.

Thank you.



Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (February 19) to consider four applications for new issue, renewal and amendment of liquor licences on Hong Kong Island.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

LQV in Mid-level
Zinc in Central
Kui Kee Seafood Restaurant in Wan Chai
Bar Pacific in Shau Kei Wan

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to

attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

Nurturing bonds with nature

Kindergarten students can learn about farming at the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's Lions Nature Education Centre in Sai Kung as part of the Education Bureau's kindergarten education scheme.

News.gov.hk interviewed students and their teacher as well as the department's Country Parks Ranger Services Officer to see how the activity strengthens children's connection with nature.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (February 17) in text and video format.

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 (February 17).

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.