

No. 3 alarm fire in Tuen Mun (5)

The fire broke out at Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal this morning (January 20) was upgraded to No. 3 alarm at 4.52am. It was surrounded at 9.30am, brought under control at 10.31am and largely put out at 1.34pm.

Firemen used eight jets, two turntable ladder monitors and two roof monitors, and mobilised eight breathing apparatus teams to fight the blaze.

No casualties have been reported so far.

2019 Kaifong Representative Election turnout rates (as at 1.30pm)

Turnout rate for the 2019 Kaifong Representative Election for Cheung Chau Market Town which began at 8.30am today (January 20) is 22.26% (as at 1.30pm).

SCED to attend WTO Informal Ministerial Gathering in Switzerland

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, will leave Hong Kong in the early hours on January 22 for a duty visit to Davos, Switzerland, to attend the World Trade Organization (WTO) Informal Ministerial Gathering and meetings and events held during the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting.

Mr Yau will speak at a panel discussion entitled "Building the Belt and Road and sharing the benefits of the economic globalisation" at the Belt and Road Forum hosted by Tsinghua University, International Cooperation Center of the National Development and Reform Commission, United Nations Industrial Development Organization and United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and co-organised by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau.

Mr Yau will meet with other trade ministers and business leaders attending the WTO Informal Ministerial Gathering or WEF to discuss issues relating to forging closer economic and trade ties. He will also join part of

the visit programme of the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam.

Held on the margins of the WEF on January 25, the WTO Informal Ministerial Gathering provides a timely opportunity for participating ministers to exchange views on the latest global trade developments and discuss ways to advance the trade agenda and to preserve the relevance and credibility of the multilateral trading system.

Before the Informal Ministerial Gathering, Mr Yau will attend the Informal Ministerial Meeting on Electronic Commerce to explore with other ministers on how WTO negotiations can capture opportunities offered by electronic commerce for all WTO Members.

Mr Yau will return to Hong Kong on January 26. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development.

2019 Kaifong Representative Election turnout rates (as at 11.30am)

Turnout rate for the 2019 Kaifong Representative Election for Cheung Chau Market Town which began at 8.30am today (January 20) is 12.40% (as at 11.30am).

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 (January 22) to consider five applications for new issue, renewal or transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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OSSO and HOTAL COLOMBO in Central

Kowloon:

NATHAN HOUSE and UPPER NATHAN in Tsim Sha Tsui
HOUSE in Sham Shui Po

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.