

Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and 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 (January 16) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Closing date for new applications under CCF's Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme extended

The following is issued on behalf of the Community Care Fund Secretariat:

The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK) today (January 16) appealed to eligible teenage girls to register for the Community Care Fund (CCF) Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme (Pilot Scheme) as early as possible and receive the first dose of vaccine on or before September 30, 2019.

The Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016 with funding from CCF for a duration of three years to provide cervical cancer vaccination for girls from eligible low-income families. The FPAHK is the implementing agent of the pilot scheme. New applications for the Pilot Scheme were originally to be closed in March 2019 to ensure that all applicants could receive a complete injection course of vaccines before the end of the Pilot Scheme in September 2019. The Commission on Poverty at its meeting held yesterday (January 15) approved to extend the closing date for new applications under the Pilot Scheme by six months to September 2019. Eligible applicants should register for the Pilot Scheme to receive the first dose of vaccine on or before September 30, 2019, and complete the vaccination by receiving the second and/or third dose within the following six months.

Eligible beneficiaries of the Pilot Scheme include girls aged 9 to 18 who are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, female students aged 9 or above who are receiving full grant under the School Textbook

Assistance Scheme (STAS), girls aged 9 to 18 who are from households benefiting from the Working Family Allowance Scheme and female students aged 9 or above who are receiving a half grant under the STAS. Except for female students receiving a half grant under the STAS (who will be required to pay \$100 for each dose of vaccine), all eligible beneficiaries will receive free cervical cancer vaccination. As at the end of December 2018, around 20 000 girls had benefited under the Pilot Scheme.

Cervical cancer is a common female cancer caused by certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV infection can be prevented by vaccination. When girls get vaccinated at a younger age, their body produces a higher level of antibodies. The protection is also greater when the vaccine is received before the start of sexual activity. The FPAHK urges all eligible girls to register for vaccination as early as possible. It will provide eligible applicants with vaccination and related services at the three Youth Health Care Centres in Wan Chai, Mong Kok and Kwai Fong. Eligible applicants may call these centres to book their first appointment. At the first appointment, applicants must bring along documentary proof in person for processing the application, and arrangements will be made for them to undergo clinical assessment prior to vaccination. Applicants under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their first appointment.

The publicity leaflet of the Pilot Scheme is available at the Youth Health Care Centres, Women's Clubs and clinics of the FPAHK, Social Security Field Units of the Social Welfare Department, clinics and health centres under the Department of Health, and the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency.

Eligibility criteria, application procedures and other details of the Pilot Scheme are available at the CCF website (www.communitycarefund.hk) and the FPAHK website (www.famplan.org.hk/ccfvaccine). For enquiries, please call the Pilot Scheme hotline at 2919 7878 or email ccfvaccine@famplan.org.hk.

Regional Traffic Day of Hong Kong Island

Police yesterday (January 15) held the Regional Traffic Day on the Hong Kong Island to raise public awareness of road safety through stringent enforcement actions.

A total of 385 officers from Traffic Hong Kong Island and District Traffic Teams of Eastern, Wan Chai, Central and Western Districts were deployed to take enforcement actions at traffic black spots on the Hong Kong Island.

The operation resulted in the issue of 1,749 fixed penalty tickets and 76 summonses. Among the fixed penalty tickets and summonses issued, a total of 1,554 fixed penalty tickets were issued for illegal parking and the rest were for other traffic offences.

Police figures revealed that a total of 2,908 traffic accidents involving casualties occurred on the Hong Kong Island in 2018, of which involved 796 pedestrian injuries.

Police will continue to take regular enforcement actions to ensure road safety.

Hongkong Post to extend iPostal Station service to Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office

Hongkong Post today (January 16) announced that the iPostal Station service will be extended to Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office tomorrow (January 17). With this extension, there will be a total of 18 iPostal Stations serving the public for mail collection.

Detailed information is as follows:

iPostal Station (Mail Collection Number sub-code)	Location	Opening Hours (Monday to Sunday)
Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office iPostal Station (PLTST)	G/F, Hermes House, 10 Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui	24-hour

In order to enhance the mail collection experience for the public, the service will be further extended to more locations in the near future.

To enjoy the mail collection service at a selected iPostal Station or post office, users must first register for a unique Mail Collection Number (MCN) at the EC-Ship online portal (www.ec-ship.hk) and get the sub-code of the selected iPostal Station or collection office. Users should inform senders to put the MCN and sub-code onto mail items. Users will then receive an SMS notification with a passcode upon the arrival of the mail items.

Details of MCNs and iPostal Stations are available at www.ec-ship.hk/platform/en/iPostalStation.jsp. For enquiries, call the

Appeal for information on missing man in Ma On Shan (with photo)

Police today (January 15) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Ma On Shan.

Chuk Hon-wai, aged 76, went missing after he left his residence in Che Ha Village, Sai Sha Road yesterday (January 14) afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.67 metres tall, 68 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a grey long-sleeved windbreaker, brown trousers and black shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 5613 6963 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

