

Taxi Driver Commendation Scheme open for public nominations

The Transport Department (TD) said today (October 4) that to encourage taxi drivers to provide quality services and thereby enhance the service standard and image of the taxi industry, the TD and the Committee on Taxi Service Quality (CTSQ) will launch the Taxi Driver Commendation Scheme to commend taxi drivers for their service excellency. The scheme is now open for public nominations until October 31.

To nominate outstanding taxi drivers, members of the public can send the completed nomination form to the TD by post, facsimile or e-mail. They can also submit the form online through GovHK. The form can be downloaded from the TD's website

(www.td.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_276/taxi_driver_commendation_scheme_nomination_form.pdf).

After the nomination period, members of the public can learn about the good conduct and performance of the nominated taxi drivers and vote for their favorite taxi driver on the designated website. In addition to online voting, they can cast their votes by post and facsimile. The Prize Presentation Ceremony of Taxi Driver Commendation Scheme will be held in January 2019.

For enquiries, please call 2829 5326.

Exhibition to display winning entries of 43rd Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions

Members of the public are invited to view the winning entries of the 43rd Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions at the Exhibition Gallery on Level 4 of the Administration Building of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, from October 8 to 10.

Some 200 winning pieces from different categories of the competitions will be displayed, including photography, painting, Chinese essay writing, Chinese story writing, Chinese calligraphy, slogan and poster design, couplets and Chinese poetry writing.

Prominent local calligraphists and painters will give demonstrations at 4.45pm on the first day of the exhibition. Visitors may have the chance to

obtain the artworks as souvenirs.

Sponsored by the Home Affairs Department, the competitions have been jointly organised by the Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions Committee and various community organisations with support from over 50 organisations since 1975. The competitions aim to promote youth interest in and understanding of Chinese language, arts and culture, and to encourage them to participate in healthy extra-curricular activities. This year's competitions attracted over 12 000 entrants in 16 categories.

The exhibition will be open on October 8 (4pm to 8pm), October 9 (10am to 8pm) and October 10 (10am to 6pm).

Admission is free. Each visitor will receive a souvenir on a first-come, first-served basis while stocks last.

Surveillance camera system used in successful prosecutions against illegal disposal of renovation waste in Tai Kok Tsui and Kowloon Bay

A renovation works company and a driver illegally disposed of renovation waste, with a total volume of about 3.5 cubic metres, at the roadside of Bedford Road in Tai Kok Tsui and Tai Yip Street in Kowloon Bay this April and May respectively. They were fined a total of \$6,000 by Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts today (October 4) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said that Tai Kok Tsui and Kowloon Bay are densely populated commercial and industrial areas, and some members of the logistics industry illegally disposed of waste during night-time when traffic and pedestrian flows were low. To step up efforts to combat illegal waste disposal, round-the-clock video surveillance cameras were installed at two fly-tipping black spots at Tai Yip Street and Bedford Road to enhance the monitoring and deterrence effect on illegal waste disposal, and to facilitate evidence collection and prosecution. In addition, banners are being displayed at these black spots to remind members of the public that fly-tipping is an offence and offenders will be prosecuted.

The spokesman called on the commercial and industrial sector as well as the transportation sector, especially members from the logistics and construction industries, to dispose of waste in accordance with relevant laws. The logistics, commercial and industrial sectors may contact recyclers to arrange collection for those recyclable commercial and industrial waste,

while non-recyclable waste should be disposed of at refuse transfer stations or landfills for proper treatment.

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Under the WDO, it is an offence for anyone to dispose of waste in public places, on government land or without the permission of land owners. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment. A maximum fine of \$500,000 and six months' imprisonment may be imposed on second or subsequent convictions.

Works contractor of Eaton Hotel Hong Kong convicted for causing noise nuisance by carrying out illegal installation of signboard at night

â€‹IBI Limited, the works contractor of Eaton Hotel Hong Kong at Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui, and its sub-contractor illegally installed a signboard for the hotel using powered mechanical equipment during night-time, which caused noise nuisance. They were convicted and fined a total of \$35,000 at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts today (October 4) for contravening the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO).

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) received a complaint from a nearby resident in March about the noise nuisance caused by the hotel's renovation work. After investigation, it was confirmed that the works contractor installed a signboard using an electric drill after 7pm and caused noise nuisance to nearby residents. The contractors concerned did not apply for the relevant construction noise permit (CNP) before the commencement of the works. After investigation and evidence collection, the EPD initiated prosecutions against the main contractor and its sub-contractor in accordance with the NCO.

The NCO aims to protect the public from disturbance of rest. The EPD spokesman stressed that members of the construction industry should carry out works during daytime and non-general holidays as far as possible to minimise disturbance to the public nearby. If the works have to be conducted during the restricted hours (between 7pm and 7am on the following day, or at any time on a general holiday), a permit must be obtained from the EPD. The construction works shall commence only when the CNP has been granted upon completion of assessment to support its compliance with regulatory requirements. Only specified powered mechanical equipment can be used for the construction works and contractors must also implement noise mitigation measures to minimise noise nuisance as stipulated by the CNP, including the erection of fences and noise barriers at the sites, to reduce the impact of

noise to nearby residents as far as possible. Otherwise, it constitutes an offence. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000. A maximum fine of \$200,000 may be imposed on second or subsequent convictions.

Fraudulent website related to CTBC Bank Co., Ltd.

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. on fraudulent website, which has been reported to the HKMA. Hyperlink to the press release is available on [the HKMA website](#) for ease of reference by members of the public.

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the website concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the website should contact the bank concerned using the contact information provided in the press release, and report to the Police or contact the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.