

## **Public urged to report flooding**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Members of the public are advised to report any street flooding that comes to their notice to the Drainage Services Department by calling the 24-hour drainage hotline on 2300 1110.

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## **Hongkong Post holiday arrangements for National Day**

Hongkong Post today (September 24) announced the postal service arrangements for National Day on October 1. No mail delivery and no mail collection will be provided. All post offices will be closed on that day except for the General Post Office and the Airport Post Office. The business hours of the two offices will be from noon to 5pm and 8am to 5pm respectively. General postal services will be provided. Details of services available will be advertised at the respective post offices.

For more information, customers may visit the Hongkong Post website at [www.hongkongpost.hk](http://www.hongkongpost.hk) or call the Hongkong Post enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

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## **Flag-raising ceremony cancelled**

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (September 24) will be cancelled.

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## FS saddened by passing of Professor Charles Kao

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, today (September 23) mourned the passing of Professor Charles Kao, a Nobel laureate in physics, the former Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the "Father of Fibre Optics".

Mr Chan said, "Professor Kao was a prominent icon in innovation and technology as well as the academic field in Hong Kong. I respected him very much. His enthusiasm and focus on innovation and research, his attitude towards pursuing excellence and his pioneering research and development and applied research which led the optical fibre technology were key factors for the development of the Internet. These helped to rewrite the methods of communication for human beings.

"Professor Kao was also enthusiastic towards and contributed a lot to the development of education in Hong Kong. During his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, he spared no effort in exploring resources and promoting whole-person education for CUHK, which consolidated the foundation for the long-term development of the university."

Mr Chan added, "Though suffering from Alzheimer's disease in his twilight years, Professor Kao and his family still strived to increase public care and awareness for the patients of Alzheimer's disease. He contributed a lot to society. I would like to show my respect to Professor Kao and offer my deepest condolences to Professor Kao's family."

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## CS expresses sorrow at passing of Professor Charles Kao

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, today (September 23) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the Nobel laureate for Physics, the former Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the "Father of Fibre Optics", Professor Charles Kao. He extended his deepest condolences to Mrs Kao and his family.

"Professor Kao was the light of Hong Kong, the pride of Hong Kong people and an icon of our generation. He was a pioneer in the development and use of fibre optics for the advancement of modern telecommunication and also played a key role in promoting education and research. His contribution was pivotal to the setting up of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park. He also set up the Charles K. Kao Foundation for Alzheimer's disease with his wife, Mrs

Gwen Kao, to provide support to Alzheimers disease patients. Over the years, I had worked closely with him in my various capacities as Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower, Director of Education, Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Chief Secretary for Administration. I am gravely saddened by his passing," he said.