

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Correctional officers stop assault on remand person in custody

Correctional officers stopped two remand persons in custody from assaulting another remand person in custody at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (July 26).

At 12.31pm, a 46-year-old male person in custody and 35-year-old person in custody attacked a 51-year-old male person in custody inside the dayroom. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the assailants.

The victim sustained injuries to his hand. After examination and treatment by the medical officer in the institution hospital, he was transferred to a public hospital for further treatment.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The two assailants were remanded for the offence of theft and trafficking in dangerous drug respectively.

CE starts visit to Beijing (with photos/videos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (July 26) started her visit to Beijing, where she met with leaders of different organisations and attended the closing ceremony of a youth internship programme.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, Mrs Lam met with the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and President of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), Professor Wan Gang, in the morning. She expressed her gratitude to Professor Wan for his staunch support and encouragement over the years on co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong in innovation and technology (I&T). In particular, with the personal concern and instruction by President Xi Jinping earlier, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Finance announced a new policy allowing universities and research institutions in Hong Kong to apply for funding to undertake central fiscal science and technology projects and the use of the funding in Hong Kong. Mrs Lam thanked Professor Wan for the extensive work he did during his tenure as the Minister of Science and Technology of the Central People's Government, realising the cross-boundary remittance of science and technology project funding. Noting that CAST has gathered top science and technology talents across the country, Mrs Lam expressed the hope that Professor Wan and CAST would continue to support Hong Kong for the city's sustainable development in I&T. Established in 1958 as an organisation for science and technology practitioners in the country, CAST acts as a bridge between the government and practitioners and plays an important role in advancing the country's development in science and technology.

Later, accompanied by Mr Nip and Mr Chan, Mrs Lam met with the President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Mr Jin Liqun, and attended a lunch hosted by him. Mrs Lam congratulated the AIIB for its achievements since its establishment in 2016, including receiving the highest credit ratings accorded by various rating agencies and the successful hosting of the third Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the AIIB in Mumbai, India, this June. Noting that Hong Kong as a member looks forward to contributing to the AIIB, she said that funding approval by the Legislative Council has been sought to contribute US\$10 million to the AIIB Project Preparation Special Fund for supporting low-income countries. She added that Hong Kong will share its experience in areas including risk management and city management for capacity building in those countries. Mrs Lam also invited Mr Jin to visit Hong Kong, including attending next year's Asian Financial Forum with the theme of inclusive and sustainable development to share his insights with the other participants.

After the lunch, Mrs Lam, together with the Secretary for Home Affairs,

Mr Lau Kong-wah, as well as Mr Yang, Mr Nip and Mr Chan, attended the closing ceremony of the Youth Internship Programme at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). She also exchanged views with the participating youths and visited the Institute of Automation of the CAS after the ceremony. The programme was organised by the Home Affairs Bureau. During the six-week internship, the 22 participating tertiary students from Hong Kong conducted different kinds of science and technology research with top science researchers of the country in the Institute of Automation, the Institute of Computing Technology and the Institute of Software in the CAS. Addressing the ceremony, Mrs Lam thanked the CAS for its support, making the programme a great success. She also expressed the hope that the internship programme would continue to be held for Hong Kong youths next year, enabling young people in Hong Kong who are keen to develop in scientific research to benefit from the precious experience.

Mrs Lam will continue her visit to Beijing tomorrow (July 27).





Five law students receive recognition for outstanding law reform essays

The following is issued on behalf of the Law Reform Commission:

Five law students received recognition for the high quality of their essays at the Law Reform Essay Competition 2018 Certificate Award Ceremony today (July 26).

Running for its fifth year, the competition was organised by the Law Reform Commission (LRC) to raise law students' awareness of the importance of law reform and to give them an opportunity to consider and propose how a given area of Hong Kong law may be reformed.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, also Chairman of the LRC, said the competition has become an annual event of the LRC to help foster among law students an awareness of law reform and in particular the complexity of the legal and socio-economic implications it would entail.

This year's topic is "Should ride-hailing services be regulated in Hong Kong? If so, why and how? If not, why not?". This new global phenomenon growing out of technological advances in recent years has brought us convenience, as well as new legal and regulatory issues. They include, for example, characterisation of the legal relationship between the platform and the drivers, liability of the drivers, liability of the platform, current regulatory regime, consumers' interest and protection and the need for new regulatory requirements as prompted by advances in technology and changes in human activities. In this year's competition, a total of 36 essays were received.

The LRC has been playing an important role in the development and promotion of effective law reform in the context of administration of justice. Changes brought by the global wave of technology advances have highlighted the importance of ensuring that the law is up-to-date and able to serve our ever-evolving society.

The five winners, who are studying law programmes at the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the City University of Hong Kong, were each awarded a one-month or two-month attachment this summer with a leading law firm, a barristers' chambers, a commercial corporation or the Department of Justice.

During the ceremony, Ms Cheng congratulated the five winners for their well-argued and well-drafted essays, and thanked the adjudicating panel, as well as sponsoring law firms, barristers' chambers and a commercial corporation for their valuable support in offering internships as prizes for the finalists.

The five winning essays are available at LRC's website (www.hkreform.gov.hk/en/news/newsXML.htm?newsDate=20180308&selectedSubSection=2&jumpToDetails=y#newsDetails).

[Transcript of remarks by CS at media](#)

session (with video)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, at a media session after the opening ceremony of Smart-Space 8 today (July 26).

Reporter: The Government received a lot of applications for its second round of the self-recommendation programme, and do you have specific, more specific, advisory roles that you plan to open up for those who are interested in joining the programme?

Chief Secretary for Administration: Our intention is quite clear. We want the voice of young people to be heard at the upper echelon of the Government. In other words, we want their voice to be heard at the top level of the Government, involve fully young people in policymaking, policy participation. And the very fact that we got 1 500 applications for only 20 positions this time underlined the fact that young people are very keen. In fact, the largest number of applications actually goes to the Council for Sustainable Development, followed by the Lantau Development Advisory Committee and also one of the social welfare advisory bodies involving building a harmonious community and so on. The Transport Advisory Committee attracted over a hundred applications. Now, these show that our young people are really very concerned about Hong Kong's livelihood, Hong Kong's long-term development. They want their voice to be heard and they are very serious about it. We want to connect with our young people and walk hand in hand with them. OK?

Reporter: Do you see a need for the Secretary to make a public apology over the scandal?

Chief Secretary for Administration: I think he really didn't mean it at all. We all respect and value greatly the contribution of the police force in Hong Kong given the very fact that Hong Kong is now the world's number three safest city. This simply testifies to the fact that our police force is one of the finest in the world, if not the best. What the Secretary for Development meant at the book exhibition was purely in the context of a book that he read. It's in the context of a book that he read. It's not a general comment at all, it is by no means a criticism. But he is aware of the sentiment of the colleagues in the police force. He will be in touch with them and explain the situation.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)