

## **Silver Mine Bay Beach to reopen**

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (July 13) that Silver Mine Bay Beach and its ancillary facilities in Islands District will be reopened on July 18 (Wednesday) following the completion of an improvement works project. A newly built viewing deck adjacent to the beach will also be opened for public use from that day.

The lifeguard services will resume upon the reopening of the beach.

The beach was temporarily closed from November 21, 2016, to carry out the "Improvement Works at Silvermine Bay Beach, Mui Wo, Lantau Island" project under the Signature Project Scheme (Islands District).

For enquiries, please call the Islands District Leisure Services Office at 2852 3220 or visit the [LCSD website](#).

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## **Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions enters admission stage**

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (July 13) reminded students who have completed online enrolment and on-site verification for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) that they should log on to the designated website during the designated period from July 22 to 30 to check the admission results as well as submit and check the results of supplementary enrolment.

The students concerned should log on to the website of the Education Examinations Authority of Guangdong Province ([www.eeagd.edu.cn](http://www.eeagd.edu.cn)) (Chinese version only), choose "Admission of Hong Kong Students" under the "Application and Examination" menu, click "Hong Kong Students Admission (Student Login)", and then log in to the system of the 2018 Admission Scheme with their candidate numbers and passwords, so as to check whether they have been admitted by the institutions they have enrolled in. Institutions will release first-round admission results in batches in order of priority as follows:

1. Release of first priority admission results by institutions – 8pm on July 22;
2. Release of second priority admission results by institutions – 8pm on July 24;
3. Release of third priority admission results by institutions – 8pm on July

25; and

4. Release of fourth priority admission results by institutions – 8pm on July 26.

Students who are not admitted during the first round but meet the minimum entrance requirements should complete supplementary enrolment through the admission system from 10am on July 27 to 3pm on July 28. During the supplementary enrolment stage, students can choose two institutions and for each institution make four programme choices. Students who have completed supplementary enrolment can log in to the admission system from July 29 to 30 to check whether they have been admitted by the institutions. Institutions will release supplementary enrolment results in batches in order of priority as follows:

1. Release of first priority supplementary enrolment results by institutions – 8pm on July 29; and
2. Release of second priority supplementary enrolment results by institutions – 8pm on July 30.

Students who have been admitted during the first round or supplementary enrolment stage should receive an acceptance letter from their respective institutions by post before September 1. Students who have not received the acceptance letter by the said date may contact the relevant institutions directly for enquiry. Contact details of the student admission offices of the institutions are listed in the programme directory of the Admission Scheme for 2018 (Chinese version only) on the EDB's website ([www.edb.gov.hk/expo17](http://www.edb.gov.hk/expo17)).

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## **EPD convictions in June**

Fifty-eight convictions were recorded in June 2018 for breaches of legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

Eleven of the convictions were under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, 20 were under the Noise Control Ordinance, one was under the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance, 20 were under the Waste Disposal Ordinance, and six were under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance.

The heaviest fine in June was \$58,000, assessed against a restaurant for discharging wastewater into the water control zone.

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## Secretary for Justice continues visit to Washington, DC (with photo)

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, continued her visit to Washington, DC, the United States (US) today (July 12, Eastern Standard Time) to promote Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services and share details of Hong Kong's latest developments with key players from various sectors.

Ms Cheng first joined a roundtable meeting, hosted by the Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies of the Brookings Institution, Dr Richard Bush, to brief think tank representatives on the implementation of "one country, two systems" and the rule of law in Hong Kong. She said that under the principle of "one country, two systems" Hong Kong is unique in maintaining its own legal system, and that this arrangement is firmly guaranteed under the Basic Law.

In the afternoon, Ms Cheng delivered a speech at the American University Center on International Commercial Arbitration on Hong Kong's role in international arbitration and shared Hong Kong's experience on dispute resolution services.

Ms Cheng also met with members of the Cato Institute, including its Vice President for Monetary Studies, Dr Jim Dorn, and Vice President for Legal Affairs, Dr Roger Pilon, to brief them on the latest developments in Hong Kong.

In addition, Ms Cheng met with the Secretary General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Ms Meg Kinnear, and the Chair of the Sanctions Board of the World Bank, Mr James Spinner. Ms Cheng said that Hong Kong was glad to be working with the ICSID to provide training courses focusing on investment law and investment mediation skills.

Ms Cheng will continue her visit to Washington, DC, tomorrow (July 13, Eastern Standard Time) and will speak at the Georgetown University Law Center on the dynamics of international legal norms, as well as meeting with leading figures from different sectors.



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## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected illicit cigarettes \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 12) seized about 1 million suspected illicit cigarettes with an estimated market value of about \$2.6 million and a duty potential of about \$1.8 million in Kwai Chung.

During an anti-illicit cigarette operation yesterday, Customs officers inspected a truck at a logistics site in Kwai Chung. After inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected illicit cigarettes in 104 carton boxes mix-loaded with eight boxes of decoration lighting onboard the truck.

The 38-year-old male driver was arrested and the truck was detained. Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, anyone involved in dealing with, possession of, selling or buying illicit cigarettes commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$1 million and imprisonment for two years.

Members of the public may report any suspected illicit cigarette activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

