

Red flag lowered at Silverstrand Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 13) that since the water off Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District is now suitable for swimming, the red flag has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted at the beach earlier on after a red tide was found.

Youth Recruitment Day@Youth Employment and Training Programme

The Labour Department (LD) will hold the Youth Recruitment Day@Youth Employment and Training Programme on May 16 for young school leavers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree level or below. The recruitment day is a large-scale activity under the LD's special programme "Career Let's go" this year.

A total of 26 organisations from various industries including hotel, banking, aviation services, tourism, retail, catering, film, public utilities, telecommunications and facility management will participate in the recruitment day, offering about 800 on-the-job training vacancies for young job seekers. Participating organisations will set up booths and conduct recruitment on the spot.

The job vacancies cover a wide variety of positions such as airline ground crew, operations trainee, engineer trainee, customer services officer, personal banking officer, makeup artist and barista, most of which offer monthly salaries from \$9,000 to \$15,000. The vacancies do not require relevant academic qualifications or work experience from applicants. Job seekers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree or below are welcome to submit applications on the spot. They may be invited for on-site interviews.

The LD will set up a booth at the venue to provide information on the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP) and its one-month workplace attachment training, for which young people can enrol on the spot. Meanwhile,

various training bodies will also introduce their pre-employment training courses and "Tailor-made Training-cum-employment Projects" under the YETP, including the e-Learning Support Scheme, which provides job opportunities for youngsters interested in information technology, education or multimedia creative industries. They will also provide career consultation and offer advice on resume preparation for job seekers.

The recruitment day also features career talks on the characteristics and career prospects of different industries. Pop singer Hubert Wu will give a talk to share his experience of achieving his career goals, so as to encourage young people to seize every opportunity. The sharing session will be conducted in Cantonese, with seats available on a first come, first served basis.

The recruitment day will be held from 11am to 6pm at Southorn Stadium, 111 Johnston Road, Wan Chai. Admission is free. Last admission will be at 5.30pm.

Job seekers can find more information about the recruitment day on the LD's YETP website www.yes.labour.gov.hk.

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (May 15) to consider two applications for new issue, renewal or amendment of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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TM's in Sai Ying Pun

New Territories:

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PACI BISTRO in Tseung Kwan O

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

Cooling air while cutting emissions

To promote energy efficiency and conservation, the Government is constructing Hong Kong's first District Cooling System at the Kai Tak Development area.

The whole project is due for completion in 2025. By then, 50 buildings will be connected to the cooling system, saving 85 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and seeing a reduction of 59 500 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per annum.

News.gov.hk recently interviewed Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Chief Engineer Chan Pak-cheung to learn more about the system.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (May 13) in text and video format.

CE attends activity in commemoration of 10th anniversary of Wenchuan earthquake in Sichuan (with photos/videos)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, continued her visit to Sichuan and attended an activity in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the massive Wenchuan earthquake organised by Sichuan Province in Wenchuan today (May 12).

Leading the delegates of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government of the Sichuan trip, Mrs Lam visited the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China in Chengdu in the morning to learn about various research and development projects on artificial intelligence and robotics, and attended a tea gathering with students and young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong. Noting in the tea gathering that President Xi Jinping announced in Hong Kong on July 1 last year that concrete facilitation measures would be rolled out by relevant central authorities for Hong Kong people to study, work and live in the Mainland, she said those measures are being promulgated, reflecting the support of the Central Government for Hong Kong. She said that HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the development of innovation and technology (I&T) and has implemented a number of policy initiatives. She added that Hong Kong young people in Sichuan are

welcome to come back to Hong Kong to advance the city's I&T development with the Government in the future.

Accompanied by 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 attended a ceremony in commemoration of the massive Wenchuan earthquake at the former Xuankou Middle School which was torn down by the earthquake, in Yingxiu Town, Wenchuan County. Participants observed a moment of silence and presented flowers to mourn the victims.

In the evening, Mrs Lam and the other officials attended a dinner with the Secretary of the CPC Chengdu Municipal Committee, Mr Fan Ruiping, and the Mayor of Chengdu Municipal Government, Mr Luo Qiang. They exchanged views on strengthening exchanges between the two places in trade, professional services, I&T, entrepreneurship of young people and culture.

Later, Mrs Lam and the other officials met with the representatives of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China to listen to their experiences and insights gained from working and living in the Mainland. She expressed her gratitude to the Chamber for striving to unite the people and enterprises from Hong Kong in various areas in the Mainland, rolling out support measures and organising activities for them, fostering co-operation in economic and trade between Hong Kong and the Mainland. She also encouraged the Chamber to promote more Hong Kong's various advantages in the Mainland.

Mrs Lam and the other officials will return to Hong Kong tomorrow morning (May 13).



