

Firing practice for June 2025

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (June).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in June 2025:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

Date	Time
June 2 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 6 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 10 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 11 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 12 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 13 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 16 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 17 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 18 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 19 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 20 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 23 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 24 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 25 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 26 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 27 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 30 (Monday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

Date	Time
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June 2 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 6 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 10 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 11 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 12 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 13 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 16 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 17 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 18 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 19 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 20 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 23 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 24 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
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June 26 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 27 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 30 (Monday)	8am-9pm

[Labour Department to hold briefing on abolition of MPF offsetting arrangement](#)

The Labour Department will hold a briefing on the abolition of Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) offsetting arrangement on June 26 (Thursday) at 3.30pm at the Hall, North Point Community Hall, 123 Java Road, North Point. Participants may also join the briefing online in real time via Zoom. Employers, employees and human resources practitioners are welcome to attend.

The abolition of MPF offsetting arrangement took effect on May 1 to improve the retirement protection of employees. To tie in with the abolition, the Government on the same day launched the 25-year Subsidy Scheme for Abolition of MPF Offsetting Arrangement (SSA) to share out the severance payment/long service payment expenses of employers after the abolition. The key features of the abolition of MPF offsetting arrangement, the calculation of severance payment/long service payment after the abolition, and the main points of the SSA will be introduced in the briefing.

The briefing will be conducted in Cantonese, and admission is free. Quotas will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and the enrolment deadline is June 18 (Wednesday). The enrolment form can be downloaded from the thematic website of the abolition of MPF offsetting arrangement ([www.op.labour.gov.hk/en/pdf/Enrolment_Form_June_\(e\).pdf](http://www.op.labour.gov.hk/en/pdf/Enrolment_Form_June_(e).pdf)). For

enquiries, please call 2852 3921.

[Red flags hoisted at some beaches](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 26) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

[Speech by CS at Hospital Authority Convention 2025 \(English only\) \(with photo\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, at the Hospital Authority Convention 2025 today (May 26):

Vice-minister Cao Xuetao (Vice-minister of the National Health Commission), Henry (Chairman of the Hospital Authority, Mr Henry Fan), Tony (Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr Tony Ko), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. I am delighted to welcome you to the Hospital Authority Convention 2025.

Over the next three days, more than 190 prominent speakers from around the world will share their knowledge and experience in some 60 sessions, offering intelligence, insight and inspiration for the more than 8 600 healthcare leaders and practitioners here from Hong Kong, the Mainland, throughout Asia and around the world.

For the next few minutes, allow me to tell you about some of the latest developments in Hong Kong's healthcare system, and our commitment to rising as a health and medical innovation hub.

We are advancing collaboration through key projects like the Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute in the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, and the new Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation. These initiatives aim to elevate our healthcare standards and foster partnerships.

Operating one of the world's largest healthcare systems, the Hospital Authority maintains high standards through a professional and dedicated workforce, a robust management system and an emphasis on continuous reform and enhancement, including the comprehensive application of information technology (IT).

In striving for excellence, the Hospital Authority has made a number of recent breakthroughs.

They include deepening collaboration with the Mainland, from initiating healthcare talent exchanges between hospitals to facilitating cross-boundary use of electronic health records via the territory-wide eHealth platform, as part of the Government's eHealth+ initiatives to build a comprehensive healthcare information infrastructure in support of the healthcare reform and the digital transformation of our healthcare sector.

Another area of progress is hospital accreditation.

As put forward under the Chief Executive's Policy Addresses, two Hospital Authority public hospitals were accredited under the China's International Hospital Accreditation Standards in December 2024 and March 2025 respectively. And three more hospitals here will begin the accreditation process this year.

The Hospital Authority, I am pleased to say, is contributing to the internationalisation of China's national hospital accreditation standards, improving overall healthcare quality and benchmarks in the Greater Bay Area.

Turning to technology and smart healthcare, the Hospital Authority has been integrating a wide range of advanced IT, digital technology and AI (artificial intelligence) tools into their healthcare services and facilities to enhance service quality and operational efficiency.

Examples include providing AI support to facilitate data-driven care and developing smart wards, smart clinics and smart pharmacies in hospitals.

To date, the Hospital Authority has implemented more than 45 key Smart Hospital offerings in its hospitals, and other applications are being developed to enhance hospital operation and management.

The Hospital Authority has also implemented various AI applications across different aspects of their services, including assisting in clinical diagnosis, enhancing medication safety, predicting the deterioration risks of patients' conditions, and optimising bed management and non-emergency ambulance services.

To drive research, the upcoming Real-World Study and Application Centre

will open up local health and medical databases to support clinical diagnosis and treatment, as well as drug development and public health research, while promoting co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

The Hospital Authority is also supporting research by innovation and technology institutions in Hong Kong Science Park, enabling remote access to data from about 200 000 anonymous patients. This can only accelerate medical innovation, furthering Hong Kong's goal of becoming a healthcare research centre.

Bringing together different areas of expertise from Hong Kong's healthcare sector, the Institute for Medical Advancement and Clinical Excellence was formally established earlier this month.

The Institute's work will include development and promulgation of clinical guidelines in screening, diagnosis, treatment and management of various diseases, as well as evaluation of the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of medical options. The Hospital Authority will be very much involved in the Institute's efforts, working with other major healthcare institutions together to enhance the overall quality and effectiveness of medical services in Hong Kong.

I am grateful to the Hospital Authority for once again organising this essential international gathering of healthcare professionals. Grateful, too, for its unwavering efforts in ensuring that Hong Kong's healthcare services and its public hospital system remain high-quality, sustainable and accessible to the public – staying true to its mission of "helping people stay healthy."

I wish you all an inspiring and rewarding Hospital Authority Convention. And for our guests and participants coming from around the world, I am sure you will have a memorable stay here in Hong Kong, Asia's world city.

Thank you.



SFST to visit Canada

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, will depart for Canada today (May 26) to visit Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver.

A key event Mr Hui will attend during his visit is the premier Web Summit Vancouver, where he will share with thousands of tech entrepreneurs, investors and leaders the latest developments and opportunities with fintech in Hong Kong. Mr Hui will also join several business networking events organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) and Invest Hong Kong (Canada) to introduce Hong Kong's advantages in areas such as the financial market, wealth management and fintech, along with the policy support and concessions offered to boost relevant developments and applications.

During the trip, Mr Hui will meet government financial officials of Canada, as well as representatives from trade associations and think tanks. He will also visit a number of banks and insurance companies.

Mr Hui will return to Hong Kong on May 31 (Vancouver time). During his absence, the Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Joseph Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.