

Lifesaving services at gazetted beaches during swimming season

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (March 31) that lifesaving services will be provided at 22 gazetted beaches (as set out in the Annex) from April 1.

During the swimming season (from April to October), lifesaving services will be provided daily at the gazetted beaches from 9am to 6pm. Service provision will be extended to 8am to 7pm on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during the peak period from June to August.

Swimmers should pay attention to safety when enjoying the fun of swimming, and should only go to beaches where lifesaving services are provided. Please do not enter the water when the red flag is hoisted.

CAD continues to follow up on air traffic control incident

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) noted that the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) has published its preliminary report on an air traffic control (ATC) incident that occurred on February 27. The CAD has attached great importance to the incident since it took place, and besides extending its full co-operation to the AAIA on its investigation, the CAD has also immediately initiated an internal investigation and follow-up actions in accordance with procedures.

The CAD's internal investigation revealed that the primary cause of the incident was related to human factors. It was an isolated incident which involved non-compliance by ATC personnel with established procedures for arranging aircraft for take-off. This resulted in two aircraft not being able to maintain the required separation. After the incident, both aircraft continued to their destinations according to their flight plans.

The investigation also indicated that the co-ordinated take-off ATC procedure involved in this incident has been in place and practised for many years. Following the incident, the CAD immediately restated to all tower air traffic controllers the ATC procedures and requirements that must be followed. Arrangements have been made to temporarily remove the personnel involved from frontline ATC duties, and appropriate follow-up action will be taken in accordance with procedures. Furthermore, the CAD has formulated additional measures to strengthen procedures, including the relevant operational procedures and equipment monitoring, with the aim of preventing

the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

Accident Investigation Preliminary Report and Public Notice on accident of Niviuk Artik R paraglider released

The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) released the Accident Investigation Preliminary Report and Public Notice PLR-2025-02 on an accident involving a Niviuk Artik R paraglider, which lost control and landed on a lawn at Ngong Ping, Ma On Shan, on February 11, 2025. The pilot was injured.

A spokesperson for the AAIA said that the Preliminary Report has been published to provide factual information established in the investigation's early evidence collection phase to both the aviation industry and the general public in a timely manner, and should be regarded as tentative. The full report is available for download from the AAIA webpage (www.tlb.gov.hk/aaia/eng/investigation_reports/index.html).

"The investigation team is conducting a detailed analysis of the data and information collected in order to determine the circumstances and causes of this occurrence with a view to preventing a recurrence in conjunction with identifying areas for further investigation or lines of inquiry to follow up," the spokesperson said.

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