

[LCSD's heated swimming pools open in winter](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will provide heated swimming facilities in 28 swimming pools under its management throughout the territory for public use during winter (i.e. November 2023 to March 2024) to enable more people to continue to exercise. The department calls on swimmers to keep public swimming pools clean and hygienic and mind their safety while swimming.

The list of swimming pools providing heated swimming facilities during winter can be found in the attachment. Of them, individual swimming pools will be temporarily closed during certain periods for maintenance works. Details are as follows:

Swimming pool	Period of temporary closure
Wan Chai Swimming Pool	December 1, 2023, to January 20, 2024
Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	January 2 to February 21, 2024
Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	February 1 to June 30, 2024
Victoria Park Swimming Pool	February 17 to April 17, 2024
Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	February 25 to April 15, 2024

In addition, Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool, which is without heated swimming facilities, will be open daily from 6.30am to noon from November 1 to 30, 2023.

For details of the opening arrangements and the schedule of the weekly cleaning operations of the public swimming pools, please visit the following website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/beach/swim-intro/swim-location-hk.html.

[Opening remarks by SITI at Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2023 \(English only\) \(with photo\)](#)

Following are the opening remarks by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, at the Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2023 today (October 31):

Simon (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, Mr Simon Chan), Hendrick (Chairman of the Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group, Mr Hendrick Sin), Peter (Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, Mr Peter Yan), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. It is great to join you all at today's Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2023.

Connecting the investment, technology and start-up community, this signature event of Cyberport takes pride in being a high-powered, thought-provoking and international forum of experts and stakeholders in innovation, technology and fund industries.

In the post-pandemic era, technological advancement moves at a lightning speed. Innovation and technology (I&T), as many would agree, is now the game changer of every sector. This inevitable phenomenon nicely echoes today's theme, "Venture Forward: Game Changing through Innovation".

Today, many economies have put in place proactive policies to promote technological breakthroughs and transformation. Hong Kong, of course, is no exception. Last week, the Chief Executive announced a series of new I&T initiatives in his Policy Address, echoing the development directions and strategies as set out under the Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint, under a number of important areas, including (1) to advance the development of digital government; (2) to press ahead with new industrialisation; (3) to promote R&D (research and development) and its commercialisation; (4) to foster AI (artificial intelligence) development; (5) to promote cross-boundary data flow; (6) to foster the synergistic development of the Hong Kong Park and Shenzhen Park in Hetao; and (7) to provide new land supply for I&T use. Among all, concerning Cyberport in particular, Cyberport will establish an AI supercomputing centre in phases starting from next year onwards, with a view to supporting the huge demand for computing power from R&D and relevant sectors, and promoting industry development. This supercomputing power facility will be the first of its kind and scale in Hong Kong, and inject a new impetus into both our R&D community and local AI industry.

Being one of our key I&T flagships, Cyberport has all along been a powerhouse in our vibrant ICT (information and communications technology) community. A few weeks ago, we were honoured to receive the delegation of the Ministry of Science and Technology from the Mainland and witnessed Cyberport's award as a State-level Scientific and Technological Enterprise Incubator since 2020, a recognition of Cyberport's sterling efforts and remarkable achievements in providing incubation and support services to the Hong Kong start-up enterprises.

Cyberport's achievements are also quantifiable. So far, the Cyberport community has attracted over \$36.7 billion of investment. Last year alone, Cyberport start-ups have raised more than \$1 billion of funding. Seven start-ups from this nurturing ground have acquired unicorn status, covering areas

of fintech, smart living and digital entertainment.

But without your support, Cyberport could not have gone that far with flying colours. I&T development, start-up incubation, financing and long-term growth must come as one to make the whole ecosystem work. It is your passion and strong belief to realise the achievements of Cyberport and Hong Kong that we see today, and these will continue to redefine the game of today and tomorrow. Let us all make further strides and venture into a new exciting chapter of the digitalised world in joint force. In closing, I wish you all a fruitful sharing experience. Thank you.



[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 (October 31) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Clear Water Bay First Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

[Appeal for information on missing man in Kwai Chung \(with photos\)](#)

Police today (October 30) appealed to the public for information on

a man who went missing in Kwai Chung.

Chan Wai-hung, aged 58, went missing after he left his residence in Tai Wo Hau Estate on October 21 morning. His family reported to Police on October 28.

He is about 1.7 metres tall, 55 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a square face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a black T-shirt, blue long jeans and carrying a black shoulder bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 6383 4337 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



[Hong Kong Customs detects two incoming passenger drug trafficking cases at airport \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs detected two drug trafficking cases involving baggage concealment at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (October 29). About 3.5 kilograms of suspected cocaine and about 2.5kg of suspected heroin, with a total estimated market value of about \$6 million, were seized.

The first case involved a 21-year-old male passenger who arrived in Hong Kong from Abuja, Nigeria, via Frankfurt, Germany, yesterday. During customs clearance, about 3.5kg of suspected cocaine were found concealed inside a

false compartment of his check-in suitcase. The man was subsequently arrested.

The second case involved two male passengers, aged 22 and 19, who arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday. During customs clearance, about 2.5kg of suspected heroin were found in 18 boxes of cookies inside their carry-on bags. The duo were subsequently arrested.

Investigations of both cases are ongoing.

Following the resumption of normal travel and exchanges with the Mainland and other parts of the world, the number of visitors to Hong Kong has also been increasing steadily. Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

