

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 (February 18) to consider two applications for renewal of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Kowloon:

FU YUEN (CHUI CHOW) FOODS CO. and "Sit Anywhere Noodles and Barbecue" in Ngau Chi Wan

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.

Young entrepreneurs revitalise retail

The Housing Authority's "Well Being–Start-up" programme helps young entrepreneurs by providing free rental spaces, shop renovations and mentorship, enabling them to launch innovative businesses while also revitalising its shopping centres.

News.gov.hk spoke to a representative from the Housing Department, who explained how the programme works, and to a participant who has benefited from it.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature from today (February 16) in text and video format.

Sick remand person in custody dies in public hospital

A sick 64-year-old male remand person in custody at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre died in a public hospital yesterday (February 15).

The remand person in custody suffered from heart disease. He required continuous medical care and follow-ups at the institution hospital and public hospitals. On February 1, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to physical discomfort. During hospitalization, his condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 11.57pm yesterday.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

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The person in custody was remanded for the offence of obtaining property by deception in November 2024.

[Follow-up on incident of water turned red in Tuen Mun River](#)

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Drainage Services Department (DSD) are following up on the incident that the water of Tuen Mun River was found red.

The EPD received a report at around 5pm today (February 15), stating that some water of Tuen Mun River had turned red. The EPD and the DSD immediately arranged staff to the scene for investigation.

Investigating officers found that the river water had resumed normal and was no longer red. No fish deaths were found at the scene. On-site tests also showed that the water quality indicators (including pH levels, dissolved oxygen, etc) remained normal. The EPD staff have collected water samples for further investigations.

Initial investigation revealed that there was draining pipe testing with red dye powder. The DSD had confirmed that it did not conduct any dye testing there. The EPD and the DSD will continue to follow up on the incident.

[London ETO greets Year of Snake in Denmark \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) and the Denmark-Hong Kong Trade Association co-hosted a Year of the Snake reception in Copenhagen, Denmark, on February 13 (Copenhagen time).

In his welcome speech, the Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, highlighted Hong Kong's remarkable achievements in the past year in terms of business and trade development. He said, "The Fraser Institute ranked Hong Kong as the world's freest economy among 165 economies in the Economic Freedom of the World 2024 Annual Report. Also, in the World Competitiveness Yearbook 2024 published by the International Institute for Management Development, Hong Kong's ranking improved by two places to fifth globally."

Mr Law stressed that with the city's free and open investment environment, Hong Kong remains an unparalleled destination for businesses and investors. "We are pleased to have hosted a record of 9 960 non-local companies last year, representing a 10 per cent increase year-on-year. These figures demonstrate that Hong Kong's business environment has fully regained its strong growth momentum after the COVID-19 pandemic," he said. Looking ahead, Mr Law expressed his confidence that Hong Kong and Denmark will continue to strengthen collaboration across all fronts, from business and investment to cultural exchange, unlocking new opportunities and fostering greater success for both regions.

The reception was well attended by around 100 guests, including representatives from the diplomatic envoys, the local business, academic and cultural sectors.



