

Appeal for information on a body found case in Western District (with photo)

Police today (August 27) appealed to the public for information on a body found in Western District on April 1, 2020.

At 6.52 am that day, Police received a report that a man was found floating in the sea off Green Island, Western District. The man was rescued and was certified dead at scene.

The deceased was believed to be a Chinese man aged about 30 to 40. He was about 1.7 metres tall and was of medium build with dark hair and a dragon-shape tattoo on his left upper arm. He was wearing an armguard on his left arm, blue sports trousers, a white sports shoe and a white mask with his upper body unclothed. No identity document was found in his possession.

Anyone who knows the deceased or has any information to offer is urged to contact officers of the Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-unit of Marine Harbour Division on 3660 9316.



EDB to provide grants to kindergartens for enhancing educational services

The Education Bureau (EDB) issued circular memoranda today (August 27) to all kindergartens, kindergarten-cum-child care centres and schools with kindergarten classes joining the kindergarten education scheme (collectively

referred to as "Scheme KGs" hereafter), announcing the details of two pilot schemes on a renovation grant and a relocation grant as well as a website enhancement grant, incurring estimated total funding of about \$75 million.

An EDB spokesman said, "The Government has implemented the kindergarten education scheme (Scheme) since the 2017/18 school year. The policy objectives are to provide good quality and highly affordable kindergarten education, and enhance the access of students to different modes of services that suit their specific needs. To help KGs joining the Scheme to enhance the learning environment, the EDB will implement two pilot schemes for the renovation grant and the relocation grant in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years to alleviate KGs' financial burden in improving the school environment."

The spokesman said that each KG approved for the relocation grant will receive \$1.5 million while each KG approved for the renovation grant will receive \$500,000. It is estimated that 50 KGs will be provided with the renovation grant each year in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years. The EDB will take into account different factors when vetting and approving the applications, including the operating standards of the KGs, the current situation of the school premises, genuine needs, the urgency of the works, the financial position of the KGs, the sustainability of the KGs, the length of the remaining tenancy period of the school premises (if applicable) and future removal plans.

In addition, a major focus of the Scheme is to enhance KGs' support for non-Chinese speaking (NCS) children. Parents of NCS children are encouraged to send their children to KGs with an immersive Chinese language environment as early as possible to facilitate their early exposure to and learning of the Chinese language. To assist Scheme KGs in enhancing their school websites to provide both Chinese and English school information for parents' reference, the EDB will provide a one-off website enhancement grant to all Scheme KGs in the 2020/21 school year.

The spokesman added, "All Scheme KGs should provide basic school information in both Chinese and English, including an introduction to the school and information on admission arrangements, school fees and the school's support for NCS children. To support schools to enhance their websites, the EDB will provide each school with a grant of \$10,000. If schools can provide all information on their websites in both Chinese and English, a grant of \$20,000 will be provided."

The spokesman reiterated that the EDB has been maintaining close communication with KGs to understand their needs with a view to providing support as appropriate. KGs are encouraged to make good use of the resources to enhance kindergarten educational services.

Flag-lowering ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-lowering ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 6pm today (August 27) will be cancelled.

Operational event at Yangjiang Nuclear Power Station

An operational event at Yangjiang Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) was reported on the website of Yangjiang Nuclear Power Co Ltd (YNPC), a Security Bureau spokesperson said today (August 27).

On August 25, when station staff performed a regular check on a storage tank level gauge related to a safety system of Unit 4 of YNPS, they found that the true liquid level of the storage tank did not meet the requirements in the guidelines. Station staff performed a refill operation in a timely manner, and the liquid level returned to normal on the same day. The Unit remained in a safe condition throughout the event.

In accordance with the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale and the relevant nuclear safety regulations, the event was classified as a Level 0 deviation. It had no effect on the safe operation of the nuclear power station, the health of the workers, the nearby public or the environment.

YNPC has disclosed the details of this event on its website. They can be viewed in the "operational events" section under the "nuclear and radiation safety information" webpage of the website (www.yjnp.com.cn) (Chinese only)

Latest arrangements on LCSD public services

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (August 27) that some outdoor leisure venues will be reopened on August 29 (Saturday) and 31 (Monday), while self-service library stations and the book drop service of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) will resume operation

on September 2.

Running tracks in sports grounds will be reopened for jogging on August 29, while running tracks in Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground will be reopened on September 7. Outdoor leisure venues to be reopened on August 31 include tennis courts, bowling greens, Ngau Chi Wan Park Archery Range, Shek O Obstacle Golf Course and the archery range, golf driving range and practice greens at Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre. The Internet Booking Service of Leisure Link will resume on August 30 (Sunday) for the public to book the above fee charging facilities to be reopened. Counter booking and self-service kiosks at the above outdoor leisure venues will resume operation on the same day of reopening. The Leisure Link Booking Office of the District Leisure Services Offices will resume booking services on August 31.

The LCSD will adopt special measures at leisure facilities to be reopened. Measures include limiting the number of players permitted to stay in the courts/greens, adopting an entry limit at sports grounds for jogging, closing spectator stands, cancelling organisation bookings for competitions and opening alternate rinks/bays. Furthermore, disinfectant carpets and alcohol-based hand rub will be in place and cleaning measures will be stepped up at the venues.

Please refer to www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/common/pdf/reopen_sports_facilities_aug_en.pdf for details of the land facilities to be reopened.

Various LCSD land-based and aquatic leisure facilities will continue to be temporarily closed, and recreational and sports programmes to be held will also be cancelled until further notice. The facilities include sports centres, soccer pitches, basketball courts, children's play equipment, outdoor fitness equipment, elderly fitness equipment, barbecue pits, water sports centres, public swimming pools and beaches.

Processing and acceptance of individual and block booking applications for non-fee charging land recreation and sports facilities as well as block booking applications for fee charging land recreation and sports facilities are maintained. Confirmation of booking applications for the department's land-based recreation and sports facilities (except reopened facilities) will be deferred, subject to the development of COVID-19. Processing and application for use of amphitheatres and non-fee charging leisure venues for non-designated use/sales activities are suspended until further notice.

Regarding cultural facilities, the self-service library stations at Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai, and all book drop services of the HKPL including those at MTR Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong stations will resume on September 2. During the period when public libraries are temporarily closed, the book drop service is available round-the-clock or during the opening hours of the premises where it is located. Public libraries will continue to provide online services such as e-Books and e-Databases. Please visit www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/index.html for details.

Various LCSD cultural facilities will continue to be temporarily closed. The facilities include all performance venues, museums, public libraries and their students' study rooms, mobile libraries, and music centres of the Music Office. Performance venues will not be re-opened before the end of September for live performances. All LCSD performing arts programmes and film screenings originally scheduled in September will be suspended.

URBTIX outlets and ticket dispensing machines at LCSD performance venues will continue to be closed. URBIX will maintain Internet and mobile app ticketing and hotline services.

Ticket holders of cancelled events are advised to contact the respective event organisers or check their latest announcements on refund arrangements. For events that organisers choose to arrange refunds at URBIX outlets, details will be announced in due course.

The LCSD encourages members of the public to use its one-stop Online Resources Centre (ORC) (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/onlineresources.html) during the venue closure period. The public can now view or participate in multi-faceted leisure and cultural activities that suit all ages during this period regardless of whether venues are open or closed. The ORC offers a variety of e-resources and allows the public staying at home to enjoy various cultural performances, museums' exhibits, plants and "Blossoms Around Town", online libraries, as well as home exercises demonstrated by sports stars during the fight against COVID-19. The newly added WeWeWebWeb Carnival platform is especially suitable for children and parents to enjoy. The public is most welcome to visit the ORC.

The LCSD will continue to monitor the situation closely and review the arrangements in a timely manner.