Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should rest in a cool or shady place and drink water immediately. They should also inform their supervisors to take appropriate actions.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Primary 4 to Secondary 2 students in Hong Kong to resume classes next Monday

Subsequent to the smooth resumption of classes of Secondary 3 (S3) to Secondary 5 (S5) on May 27, Primary 4 (P4) to Secondary 2 (S2) students will also resume classes next Monday (June 8) as scheduled. The Education Bureau (EDB) wishes to thank all principals, teachers and school personnel who have proactively put in place a series of precautionary measures to ensure the safety and hygiene of schools for students to study happily.

A spokesman for the EDB said, "Over the past week, schools in general operated smoothly. Schools have re-arranged their lesson timetables, staggering the activity times of students to avoid crowd gathering. Students have also quickly re-adjusted themselves to school life upon their return to campus."

Nonetheless, in view of the occasional confirmed cases in Hong Kong, the EDB reminds all parties to stay vigilant and be cautious. Schools should continue to implement the various anti-epidemic preventive measures, including checking body temperature upon entry into school premises, maintaining appropriate social distance and wearing masks all the time. Schools can summarise the experience gained during resumption of the senior secondary classes last week to make preparations for the second phase of class resumption (P4 to S2 students). The EDB will liaise with the Centre for Health Protection, and closely monitor the development of the epidemic. The EDB will take into account the advice of health experts and continue to follow up on class resumption arrangements.

The spokesman added, "Regarding the class resumption arrangement for cross-boundary students (CBS), it involves a series of issues, such as the immigration control between the Mainland and Hong Kong, the anti-epidemic and infection control policies as well as traffic arrangements. The EDB has been maintaining close liaison with various parties, and is discussing the transportation details with local schools in various districts. We strive to resume classes of CBS from S3 to S5 in around mid-June."

"With the implementation of class resumption arrangements of CBS from S3 to S5, we will gain experience and review the operation details. We will then consider factors such as the development of the epidemic, transportation situation of the boundary control points, manpower arrangements, etc., and explore the feasibility of resuming classes for CBS at the lower class levels."

On the arrangement for Primary 5 (P5) Internal Examinations for the purpose of Secondary School Places Allocation which is a concern of many parents, affected schools may make special arrangements with regard to their

school-based circumstances, including the number of students who cannot resume classes in Hong Kong. Schools can consider postponing the assessment period for all P5 students to September, or arranging those who have resumed classes to take the assessment in July while the other affected students be assessed later. If schools decide to postpone the P5 Internal Examinations for the purpose of Secondary School Places Allocation to September, the schools concerned should submit the scores by October 20.

The EDB believes that students will treasure the opportunity of being able to go back to school, which is not easy to accomplish. The EDB hopes that students will cherish the rapport and bonding among teachers and fellow classmates, and make good use of their time in schools to study and learn.

<u>Transcript of remarks by CE at media</u> <u>session in Beijing (with photos)</u>

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, met the media with the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC; the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee; the Commissioner of Police, Mr Tang Ping-keung; and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Mr Chan Kwok-ki in Beijing this afternoon (June 3). Following is the transcript of remarks of the session:

Reporter: The British Prime Minister has pledged to give up to 3 million Hongkongers the right to live and work in the UK if this national security law is passed. What's your response to that and to the international condemnation that this law has drawn?

Chief Executive: I can only say that the international community and some of the foreign governments have been adopting blatant double standards in dealing with this matter and commenting on this matter. It is within the legitimate jurisdiction of any country to enact laws to protect and safeguard national security. USA is no exception, UK is no exception. Why should they object, resist or even condemn and take sanctions against Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China for taking similar actions to protect ...

Reporter: You don't believe that breaches the 1997 handover agreement?

Chief Executive: We are operating in accordance with the Basic Law. The Basic Law provides for "One Country, Two Systems". The important pillar in "One Country, Two Systems" is "One Country". Without "One Country", there is no "Two Systems". So, when the "One Country" concept, the sovereignty issue, is now undermined by the events that we have seen in Hong Kong — the advocacy of independence and even violence verging on terrorist activities— the Central Government has no alternative but to take action, especially having regard to the fact that after 23 years, despite the faith put in the Hong Kong SAR to

enact local legislation to safeguard national security, we could not do it. As the Chief Executive, I have to confess that with the current Legislative Council and the political climate in Hong Kong, there's no way that in the foreseeable future we could do it. Hong Kong people's confidence lies in "One Country, Two Systems" and all the strengths and competitive advantages of Hong Kong. It does not lie in what individual foreign governments have to say about Hong Kong.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)





<u>Appeal for information on missing maning Tsing Yi (with photo)</u>

Police today (June 3) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Tsing Yi.

Man Kim-lam, aged 41, went missing after he was last seen in Cheung On Estate on May 26 afternoon. His friend made a report to Police on June 1.

He is about 1.6 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a square face with yellow complexion and short golden hair. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, black shorts, black canvas shoes and carrying a grey and yellow backpack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 9320 5612 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

