Hong Kong senior secondary schools resume classes smoothly

The Education Bureau (EDB) is content with the overall situation of class resumption of secondary 3 to secondary 5 today (May 27).

A spokesman for the EDB said, "Regarding today's class resumption, the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, has met with school sponsoring bodies, school councils and secondary school head associations earlier on, and the EDB's staff from the Regional Education Offices have also contacted the secondary schools in the districts to understand their preparation for class resumption. Schools, in general, have properly put in place the antiepidemic preventive measures."

Taking into account that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) had shown signs of easing, the EDB announced on May 5 that schools in Hong Kong could resume classes by phases in a gradual and orderly manner. The EDB has earlier issued the "Guidelines to Schools on Class Resumption", setting out the preventive measures and important items that schools should put in place after class resumption and pay attention to, with a view to facilitating the necessary preparation work and arrangements.

The spokesman said, "Staff of the EDB have also contacted some schools this morning. We noted that the operation and arrangements of schools are generally smooth. Schools have implemented various anti-epidemic preventive measures, including checking body temperature of students and visitors upon their entry into school premises, maximising the use of space in classrooms and school premises to ensure that appropriate social distance can be maintained among students, etc."

He added, "Parents should arrange masks for their children, remember to measure their children's body temperature every day before leaving home, as well as fill in the temperature record form for submission to school. If children are feeling unwell, they should refrain from school."

The spokesman stressed that the concerted efforts and co-operation among schools, students and parents are essential to keep school campuses safe and clean for the happy school learning of students. All involved have to undertake the necessary precautionary measures. According to our plan, subsequent to secondary 3 to secondary 5 who resumed classes today, primary 4 to secondary 2 will resume classes on June 8 while upper kindergarten to primary 3 will resume classes on June 15.

The EDB is thankful to all principals, teachers and other school personnel for the large amount of preparation work done for class resumption. Also, during the class suspension period, they have been supporting students and parents to facilitate students to learn at home to achieve the goal of "suspending classes without suspending learning." The EDB

will continue its liaison with schools. It will provide necessary assistance and support to ensure smooth class resumption.

The EDB noted that there have been illegal assemblies in a number of districts today, disturbing public order. Some young people wearing school uniform have been arrested. Such events are heartbreaking and worrying. We urge students to treasure the opportunity of being able to return to school, and stress that they should never take part in any activities that are illegal or pose threats to their personal safety. Always bear in mind that one should be law-abiding and remain safe, and it is advisable to go home immediately after school, avoid staying outside and do not visit areas that may be dangerous.

WeWebweb Carnival, "Museum 101" video series and more to enrich LCSD Online Resources Centre

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched the onestop Online Resources Centre (ORC) in early April, providing multifaceted leisure and cultural activities that suit all ages. The ORC will soon offer even more fun to the public through enriching its content continuously.

- â€< The ORC can be accessed at www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/onlineresources.html.
- $\hat{a} \in \mathcal{A}$ The LCSD will hold the WeWeWebWeb Carnival from late May to August to offer delightful free online programmes and activities for children and families to view and participate in from the comfort of their homes.
- â€< Produced by the International Arts Carnival, the WeWeWebWeb Carnival will feature local artists and arts groups to present quality and educational programmes ranging from music, drama and dance to puppetry and magic.
- â€< The first programme, the puppetry show "Puppets from Home" by Little Smudges Theatre, will be launched on May 29. The mask and puppet theatre show "Little Miss Fantasy" by Merit Minds Workshop and the multi-arts cultural tour "DingDing Wander Yonder" by Fong Fong Projet d'Art will go online in June, while more programmes will be showcased in July and August.
- â€< The content of the WeWeWebWeb Carnival will be uploaded to the department's ORC. For programme updates and details, please visit www.wewebcarnival.gov.hk or call 2370 1044.
- â€< In regard to its museums, the LCSD will launch on May 29 the "Museum 101" short video series. Experienced curators, aiming to arouse public interest in their museums, will speak concisely on ways to appreciate art

collections, explore the treasures from history, unlock interesting science mysteries and understand the processes of heritage conservation, among other topics. Videos coming soon will introduce crucial museum elements such as Hong Kong's unique art, knowledge of solar eclipses, the evolution of Cantonese opera costumes and appreciation of traditional Chinese paintings and heritage. Other interesting content is in the pipeline.

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 Turning to horticulture and greening, the "Blossoms around Town" page newly updated in the ORC introduces several common and special ornamental flowering trees in different seasons, and the suggested locations for appreciating them. The public can also view a photo collection and a video clip of selected flowering trees while staying at home. Another new online programme, namely "Horticulture Classroom", will also be launched soon in June. Experienced horticulture instructors will be engaged online to demonstrate a variety of horticultural and gardening skills, as well as to guide the public on how to participate in and enjoy various green horticultural activities at home.
- â€< The ORC also offers the short video clip "Learn about Mammals", showcasing animals in the LCSD's major gardens. The public can better understand features, behaviours and noises of the sloth, the ring-tailed lemur and the white-faced saki. Additional short video clips on interesting animal life will be coming soon.
- â€< As for performing arts, the department has specially invited local artists and arts groups to prepare an array of online programmes covering music, dance, Chinese opera and classical music talks. Venue partners of the LCSD's performing arts venues, such as the Hong Kong Dance Company, the Hong Kong Ballet, Chung Ying Theatre Company, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Spring-Time Experimental Theatre and the Hong Kong Performing Stage of Cantonese Opera, have also provided recordings for the LCSD to broadcast on the ORC. Production of other cultural presentations is under way for going online gradually.
- â€< The LCSD will keep updating and enriching the ORC. Members of the public are most welcome to visit it online.

Protestors occupy Nathan Road again

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

At around 4.30pm today (May 27), protestors occupied Nathan Road in Mong Kok again. They blocked the carriageways with trash, paper boxes and signages. Police officers sped to the scene and took enforcement action. Some

protestors set up barricades with umbrellas. They confronted police officers and then fled. Police are now removing obstacles on the carriageways and will reopen them as soon as possible.

Protestors occupied and blocked Nathan Road at around 2pm. Officers took action and successfully restored public order. Police will continue to take resolute enforcement action to arrest lawbreakers.

LegCo meeting to continue tomorrow

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

As the business on the agenda of the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting cannot be finished today (May 27), the President of LegCo has, in accordance with Rule 14(4) of the Rules of Procedure, decided that the Council meeting will resume tomorrow (May 28) at 9am.

Tender awarded for site in Ap Lei Chau

The Lands Department announced today (May 27) that the tender for a site, Ap Lei Chau Inland Lot No. 137 at Ap Lei Chau Praya Road, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong, has been awarded to the highest tenderer, Wealth Start Development Limited (parent company: Tai Cheung Holdings Limited), on a 50-year land grant at a premium of \$1,332,800,000.

The tenderers, other than the successful tenderer, in alphabetical order, with the name of the parent company where provided by the tenderer in brackets, were:

- (1) Ample Sources Limited (Chevalier International Holdings Limited);
- (2) Confident Lead Investments Limited (Wheelock Properties Limited);
- (3) Ever Cheer Investment Limited (Kowloon Development Company Limited);
- (4) Grand Build Development Limited (Grand Ming Group Holdings Limited);
- (5) Grand Harvest (HK) Development Limited;
- (6) Great Rainbow Investments Limited;
- (7) HLP Asia Limited (Hang Lung Properties Limited);
- (8) Joy Wide Asia Investment Limited (Great Harvest Group Development Limited);
- (9) Kayson Limited (New World Development Company Limited);
- (10) Lucky Victory Limited (Sino Land Company Limited);

- (11) Main Glory Enterprises Limited (KWG Group Holdings Limited);
- (12) Pristine Great Limited (Lai Sun Development Company Limited);
- (13) Rise Source Limited (Kingboard Property Development (HK) Company Limited);
- (14) Strong Associate Limited (Chuang's China Investments Limited and K. Wah International Holdings Limited);
- (15) Top Global Investment Limited (China Overseas Land & Investment Limited);
- (16) Topco (H.K.) Limited (Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited);
- (17) Wealthy Guide Limited (Kerry Properties Limited); and
- (18) Welland (Hong Kong) Limited (Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd.).

Ap Lei Chau Inland Lot No. 137 has a site area of about 1,128.8 square metres and is designated for non-industrial (excluding godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes. The minimum gross floor area is 4,921 sq m. The maximum gross floor area for private residential purposes that may be attained is 8,201.6 sq m. The maximum gross floor area for non-industrial (excluding private residential, godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes is computed according to the relevant special condition in the Conditions of Sale.