

Grading of beach water quality release

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (September 21) released the latest grading of water quality of 38 gazetted beaches* that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay**).

Fourteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 21 as Fair (Grade 2) and four as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

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Top 100 Beaches

Grade 2 beaches are:

Approach Beach	Kadoorie Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Kiu Tsui Beach***
Cafeteria Old Beach	Lido Beach
Casam Beach	Middle Bay Beach
Castle Peak Beach	Pui O Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Shek O Beach***
Clear Water Bay Second Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach***	Silverstrand Beach
Discovery Bay	St Stephen's Beach
Golden Beach	Ting Kau Beach
Hoi Mei Wan Beach	

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach

Butterfly Beach

Big Wave Bay Beach

Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach

*: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on September 17 that, due to urgent clearance work and maintenance of shark prevention nets after the Typhoon Mangkhut, all beaches in Southern, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Islands and Sai Kung Districts are temporarily closed until further notice.

**: Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

***: After the Typhoon, damages were found at Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works and some sewage pipes near Deep Water Bay and Tai Tau Chau of Shek O, leading to the discharge of sewage. The public is advised to avoid recreational activities at beaches including Kiu Tsui Beach, Trio Beach, Hap Mun Bay Beach, Deep Water Bay Beach and Shek O Beach where water quality may be affected in the near future.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. Latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's websites on Beach Water Quality (www.beachwq.gov.hk or www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.