

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (December 28) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand Beach

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (December 28) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (December 28) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (December 28). They are, on Hong Kong Island, Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Limited; in Kowloon, Concern For Grassroots' Livelihood Alliance Limited; and in the New Territories, The Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Arrangements have been made with the charities to help people distinguish between the three flag-selling activities.

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on December 28 is as follows:

Region	Name of Organisation	Colour of Collection Bag	Colour of Flag
Hong Kong Island	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Limited	Grey	Orange
Kowloon	Concern For Grassroots' Livelihood Alliance Limited	White	Blue
New Territories	The Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	Dark Purple	Green

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678. Information on flag days is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew) and the GovHK portal (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

If any flag day activity is suspected to be fraudulent, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

Appointment of Non-official Members to ICAC-Related Committees

The Government announced today (December 27) that the Chief Executive has made appointments and re-appointments to the four Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) advisory committees, namely the Advisory Committee on Corruption (ACOC), the Operations Review Committee (ORC), the Corruption Prevention Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations (CACCR), and to the ICAC Complaints Committee (ICC). All of the appointments and re-appointments are for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2020.

ACOC

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Evan Au Yang Chi-chun and Ms Eirene Yeung as members of the ACOC.

The ACOC advises the Commissioner of the ICAC on any aspects of the problem of corruption in Hong Kong, and keeps the operational, staffing and administrative policies of the ICAC under review.

ORC

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Benjamin Tang Kwok-bun as the Chairman as well as Ms Teresa Au Man-yee and Dr Emily Chan Po-shan as members to the ORC. A new member appointed to the Committee is Dr Aron Hari Harilela.

Dr Harilela is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a locally based company. He is also currently the Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

The ORC oversees all ICAC investigations. It reviews corruption complaints received and investigations conducted by the ICAC to ensure that they are handled effectively and efficiently. It also examines circumstances where search warrants are authorised by the Commissioner, where persons have been put on bail for more than six months, and where investigations have been lasting for over a year or require substantial resources.

CPAC

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Adrian Wong Koon-man as the Chairman of the CPAC. Mr Alan Yau Hoi-ngan and Professor Emily Chan Ying-yang have also been re-appointed to the Committee as members. Mr Albert Su Yau-on has been appointed as a new member of the Committee.

Mr Su is the Chief Executive of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. Prior

to joining the social welfare sector, he was Assistant Commissioner for Transport in the Government.

The CPAC receives and calls for reports from the ICAC about practices and procedures of government departments, public bodies and the private sector which may be conducive to corruption. It also advises the Commissioner on what areas should be examined and the degree of priority to be accorded to each.

CACCR

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Professor Timothy Tong Wai-cheung as the Chairman of the CACCR. Ms Bonnie Chan Shum-yue, Ms Quince Chong Wai-yan, Mr Lau Chi-kuen and Ms Gigi Wong Ching-chi have also been re-appointed to the Committee as members.

The CACCR advises the Commissioner on appropriate measures to foster public support in combating corruption and to educate the public against the evils of corruption. It also monitors community response to the ICAC's work and public attitudes towards corruption in general.

ICC

The Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung as the Chairman and Dr Anissa Chan Wong Lai-kuen as a member to the ICC. Ms Eunice Yung Hoi-yan, Mr Steven Ho Chun-yin, Dr Tik Chi-yuen and Ms Connie Lau Yin-hing are newly appointed as members of the Committee.

Ms Yung is an incumbent Legislative Council Member. She is a barrister by profession.

Mr Ho is also an incumbent Legislative Council Member. He is an independent non-executive director of a locally listed company.

Dr Tik is the Chief Executive of an education organisation. He is a former Legislative Council Member.

Ms Lau had been The Ombudsman for five years before her retirement in early 2019. Prior to that, she was the Chief Executive of the Consumer Council.

The ICC monitors the handling of non-criminal complaints against the ICAC, reviews the ICAC procedures and practices which may lead to complaints, and makes recommendations when necessary.

The Government expresses its gratitude to all outgoing members of the above-mentioned committees, who are retiring on December 31, 2019, for their valuable contributions to the work of the respective committees.

The updated non-official membership lists of the four ICAC advisory committees and the ICC are at the Annex.