

Hong Kong Customs combats sale of counterfeit corner strips (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (November 29) conducted an operation against the sale of counterfeit corner strips and seized about 115 000 suspected counterfeit items with an estimated market value of about \$1 million.

Acting on information alleging that suspected counterfeit corner strips were sold by a construction material company, officers took action yesterday under the trademark owner's assistance after an investigation. The batch of suspected counterfeit items were seized during a raid against the company's office premises and warehouse in Yuen long.

A 38-year-old company director was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to step up its inspection and enforcement action against the sale of counterfeit goods.

Customs reminds consumers to purchase goods at reputable shops and to check with the trademark owners or authorised agents if authenticity of a product is in doubt.

Traders are also reminded that they must be cautious in procurement as the sale of counterfeit goods is a serious crime and offenders are liable to criminal liability.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who sells or possesses for sale any goods with a forged trademark commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected infringing activities to the Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



[Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival brings brand new travel experience to visitors](#)

Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival 2019, as organised by the Tourism Commission, is launched today (November 30). Through collaboration amongst local artists, youngsters and Yim Tin Tsai villagers, the Arts Festival has turned Yim Tin Tsai into an "open museum", bringing a new and unique travel experience integrating arts, religion, culture, heritage and green elements to visitors.

Spanning over three years, the Arts Festival bears three key concepts of "Sky, Earth and Man". This year's Arts Festival themed "Sky" is held from today to December 29. Seventeen groups of artworks created by local artists and youngsters are displayed at Yim Tin Tsai and Sai Kung Waterfront Park. A series of interactive activities including cultural ecology guided tours, salt-making and Hakka teacake-making workshops, themed talks, musical performances, etc. will be organised to provide visitors with an opportunity to experience the artistic atmosphere of Yim Tin Tsai and understand its history and culture.

Speaking at the launch ceremony of the Arts Festival, the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr Joe Wong, said Sai Kung is known as the "back garden of Hong Kong". Yim Tin Tsai is a unique island in Sai Kung where Western Roman Catholicism blends with Chinese Hakka culture. The island is also blessed with mangroves and rich ecology.

Mr Wong remarked that visitors could experience the artistic ambience,

unique historical culture and natural beauty of Yim Tin Tsai in the Arts Festival. He hoped that the Arts Festival can also help introduce visitors to other attractions of Sai Kung where they can fully appreciate the beauty of the "back garden of Hong Kong".

As announced in the Budget Speech last year, the Government would organise a new pilot initiative at Yim Tin Tsai which integrates multifarious tourism elements. With the support of Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong and the villagers of Yim Tin Tsai, the Arts Festival is smoothly launched today after two years of collaboration.

Seven local artists and over 70 students from the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Design Institute took part in the co-creation work of Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival 2019. After the Arts Festival, some of the artworks showcased will become permanent exhibits for visitors' appreciation.

Elements of smart tourism are also incorporated into the Arts Festival. Visitors can make use of the QR codes attached to the artworks and signages to connect to the website of the Arts Festival, for better understanding of the stories of Yim Tin Tsai and the artists' creative ideas.

In addition, the Hong Kong Tourism Board has set up a photo exhibition at Sai Kung Waterfront Park to introduce other attractions of Sai Kung, such that visitors could learn more about the beautiful landscape in the district. The exhibition will be held concurrently with the Arts Festival.

For details of Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival 2019, please visit the website at www.YimTinTsaiArtsFestival.hk.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin tomorrow

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting tomorrow (December 1).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum

use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 30) that due to big waves, 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.

Big Wave Bay Beach reopened

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (November 30) that the Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District has been reopened. The beach was closed earlier on after an oil spill was found.

However, due to big waves, the red flag is still hoisted at the beach. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.