

Announcement by Judiciary

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

The Judiciary has announced that having regard to the situation in the vicinity of Jordan, subject to any directions of the presiding Judge or Judicial Officer concerned and until further announcement, all hearings of the Lands Tribunal and the Labour Tribunal originally scheduled for yesterday, today (November 19) and thereafter are adjourned to a date and time to be notified by the court in due course. All relevant parties to the proceedings affected should keep in view any further notification by the court or public announcements by the Judiciary.

The registries and offices of the two Tribunals remain closed today until further announcement.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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 19) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Closure of some LCSD facilities in Yau Tsim Mong District

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today

(November 19) that due to special circumstances which happened nearby, the Hong Kong Science Museum and Tsim Sha Tsui Public Library in Yau Tsim Mong District are closed to ensure the safety of venue users and staff members. The department will closely monitor the situation and announce venue arrangements in a timely manner.

Subject to the situation, more cultural and leisure facilities in the same district and any other districts which may be affected will also be closed early and at short notice to ensure the safety of venue users. Members of the public who plan to go to those venues are advised to contact the venues concerned or 1823 in advance.

Government urges employers to show understanding and flexibility in work arrangements of employees due to traffic conditions

â€‹The Government today (November 19) urged employers to make flexible work arrangements for staff to return to work having regard to traffic and road conditions occurring during the day. This will help maintain good labour-management relations and ensure the safety of employees and the smooth operations of establishments.

"For staff who cannot report for duty on time on account of conditions in road traffic or public transport services, employers should give due consideration to the circumstances of individual employees and handle each case flexibly," a Government spokesman said.

"The Government will similarly handle government employees in such situations with understanding. For staff who are unable to report to work on time because of traffic problems, they should inform their immediate supervisors as soon as possible and their departments will handle the cases flexibly."

Senior Appointments in the Hong Kong

Police Force (with photos)

The Central People's Government, on the recommendation and nomination of the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, has approved the appointment of Mr Tang Ping-keung, Deputy Commissioner of Police, as Commissioner of Police and the removal of Mr Lo Wai-chung from the post of Commissioner of Police with effect from today (November 19). Mr Lo proceeded on pre-retirement leave on the same day after serving the Hong Kong Police Force for 35 years.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Tang Ping-keung, Mrs Lam said, "Mr Tang has served in the Hong Kong Police Force for over 30 years and has extensive experience in criminal investigation, international liaison as well as operational command. He has distinguished performance and possesses proven leadership skills. I am confident that he will lead the Police Force in meeting the challenges ahead."

Speaking on the retirement of Mr Lo Wai-chung, Mrs Lam said, "Upon taking up the appointment as Commissioner of Police in May 2015, Mr Lo has made commendable efforts in maintaining Hong Kong as one of the safest cities in the world. He has demonstrated dedication and determination in safeguarding Hong Kong and upholding the rule of law in dealing with the social unrests in the past few months. On behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, I convey my heartfelt appreciation to Mr Lo for his contribution to the HKSAR and I wish him a happy retirement."

The Government also announced the appointment of Mr Siu Chak-ye, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, as Deputy Commissioner of Police today.

The following are biographical notes on Mr Lo Wai-chung, Mr Tang Ping-keung and Mr Siu Chak-ye:

Mr Lo Wai-chung

Mr Lo Wai-chung joined the Hong Kong Police Force in July 1984 as a Probationary Inspector. He was promoted to Chief Superintendent of Police in 2005, Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2009 and Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2011. He was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Police in 2013 and took up the Commissioner of Police post in May 2015.

Mr Lo has held a variety of posts during his 35 years of service in the Police Force, responsible for crime investigations, security and operations as well as management work. Between 1999 and 2002, he was seconded to INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, France, where he worked as a Liaison Officer and was subsequently promoted to Assistant Director heading the INTERPOL Asia & South Pacific Branch. He was Chief Superintendent (Security) and Deputy Regional Commander (Kowloon West) between 2005 and 2009, Assistant Commissioner (Security) from October 2009 and Director of Crime and Security from January 2011. He served as Deputy Commissioner (Operations) and Deputy

Commissioner (Management) between August 2013 and May 2015. He was appointed as Commissioner of Police in May 2015.

During his career in the Police Force, Mr Lo has received many awards. He was awarded Commissioner's Certification of Academic Merit in 1985; Commanding Officer's Commendation in 1989; Commissioner's Commendation in 1995; Hong Kong Police Long Service Medal in 2002 with the first, second and third Clasps in 2009, 2014 and 2017 respectively; Hong Kong Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2009 and Hong Kong Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 2014.

Mr Tang Ping-keung

Mr Tang Ping-keung joined the Hong Kong Police Force in June 1987 as a Probationary Inspector. He was promoted to Chief Superintendent of Police in 2012, Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2015, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2017 and Deputy Commissioner of Police in November 2018. He was appointed as Commissioner of Police on November 19, 2019.

Mr Tang has served in many different posts in the Police Force, responsible for criminal investigation, international liaison and operations work. Between 2006 and 2008, he was seconded to INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, France where he worked as a Specialised Officer and was subsequently promoted as the Head of Criminal Organisation and Violent Crime Unit. He served as District Commander (Yuen Long), Deputy Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island), Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island) and Assistant Commissioner (Personnel) between 2012 and 2017. He was Director of Operations from January 2017 and took up the post of Deputy Commissioner (Operations) in November 2018.

During his career in the Police Force, Mr Tang has received many awards. He was awarded Commissioner's Certification of Academic Merit in 1988, four Commanding Officer's Commendations between 1997 and 2005, Commissioner's Commendations in 1999 and 2003, Hong Kong Police Long Service Medal in 2010 with the first Clasp in 2017 and Hong Kong Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 2018.

Mr Siu Chak-yee

Mr Siu Chak-yee joined the Hong Kong Police Force in December 1988 as a Probationary Inspector. He was promoted to Chief Superintendent of Police in 2013, Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2017 and Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2018. He was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Police on November 19, 2019.

Mr Siu has served in various posts in the Police Force, responsible for frontline operations, criminal intelligence-related duties and personnel management. He was District Commander (Kowloon City) and Chief Superintendent (Human Resources Branch) between 2013 and 2017. He was Assistant Commissioner (Personnel) from January 2017 and took up the post of Director of Operations

in November 2018.

During his career in the Police Force, Mr Siu has received many awards. He was awarded five Commanding Officer's Commendations between 1995 and 2006, Commissioner's Commendation in 2006, Hong Kong Police Long Service Medal in 2006 with the first and second Clasps in 2013 and 2018 respectively and Hong Kong Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2016.

