

Tenders invited for tenancy of fee-paying public car park (2)

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year tenancy of the fee-paying public car park on Portion(s) of the Lower Basement and Portion(s) of the Upper Basement of Wanchai Tower at 12 Harbour Road, Immigration Tower at 7 Gloucester Road and Revenue Tower at 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

The premises should only be used for the purpose of a fee-paying public car park for the parking of private cars and motorcycles.

The tender notices were uploaded today (September 4) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection in office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays) at the Government Property Agency:

- (i) 31/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (September 4 to 20, 2019);
- (ii) 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon (September 23 to 25, 2019).

The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to inspect the site should make a prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7697 on or before September 16 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, before noon on September 25 this year. Late tenders will not be accepted.

Tenders invited for tenancy of fee-paying public car park (1)

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year tenancy of the fee-paying public car park on Portions of the Basement Two and a Portion of the Basement One of Chai Wan Municipal Services Building at 338 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong.

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Shek O Beach temporarily closed

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 (September 4) that Shek O Beach in the Southern District, Hong Kong Island, is temporarily closed until further notice for maintenance of the shark prevention net. The red flag has been hoisted at the beach. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach. The red flag was hoisted earlier due to big waves.

Property owner fined over \$90,000 for persistently not complying with

removal order

A property owner was fined \$93,400 at the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts last week for persistently failing to comply with a removal order under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap 123) (BO).

The order involved various unauthorised building works (UBWs) at a two-storey house on Chuk Yeung Road, Sai Kung, the New Territories. The UBWs included:

- (1) Five structures with a total floor area of about 200 square metres, which is about the same as the approved gross floor area of the house; and
- (2) Retaining walls on the ground floor at two sides.

As the UBWs were erected without prior approval from the Buildings Department (BD), contravening the BO, a removal order was served on the house owner under section 24(1) of the BO.

Since the owner did not comply with the order, the owner was prosecuted by the BD in 2016 and fined over \$40,000 upon conviction at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts. However, the owner persisted in not complying with the order and the BD instigated prosecution against him for the second time. The owner was convicted again and heavily fined \$93,400 on August 27.

"UBWs may adversely affect the structural and fire safety of a building, leading to serious consequences. Owners must comply with the removal orders without further delay. The BD will continue to take enforcement action against owners who have failed to comply with the removal orders (including instigation of prosecution) so as to achieve a deterrent effect," a spokesman for the BD said today (September 4).

Pursuant to section 40(1BA) of the BO, any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with an order served on him or her under section 24(1) of the BO commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for one year, as well as a further fine of \$20,000 for each day that the offence has continued.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 is 107.5 (down 0.2 against yesterday's index).