

Red flag hoisted at Lo So Shing 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 (August 13) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Lo So Shing Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Lifesaving services at Golden Beach resume

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 has announced that the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (August 13). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

Lifesaving services suspended at Golden Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 13) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District are suspended until further

notice.

First-aid services will be maintained at the beach.

Local artist Andrew Ling to showcase superb skills in September viola recital

Local artist Andrew Ling will give a viola recital in September as part of the "City Hall Virtuosi" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Ling will collaborate with pianist Cheng Wai, showcasing his superb viola skills by playing a variety of compositions.

The programme will include Brahms' "Sonata in F minor, Op. 120, No. 1", Ligeti's "Sonata for Viola Solo", Bach's (arranged by Kodály) "Chromatic Fantasy for Viola Solo", Shostakovich's "Sonata in D minor, Op. 40" and Piazzolla's "Le Grand Tango".

Hong Kong-born Andrew Ling is a concert violist and violinist. He is also a conductor as well as a music educator. Currently the Principal Violist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil), he has garnered acclaim for his orchestral playing and solo recitals worldwide. He has appeared with the HK Phil, the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra and the China Film Symphony Orchestra as a concert soloist.

Ling has brought his musicianship to conducting engagements with the HK Phil, the Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra, the Kunming Nie Er Symphony Orchestra and Finland's Seinäjoki City Orchestra and Kuopio Symphony Orchestra. Handpicked to conduct the HK Phil in rehearsal for Christoph Eschenbach and the late Lorin Maazel, he has worked alongside some of the world's foremost conductors, including Jaap van Zweden, Edo de Waart, Jun Märkl and Leonard Slatkin.

Ling's journey with music began at age 6, when he studied violin with the late professor Lin Yaoji at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He went on to pursue violin performance at Indiana University under Henryk Kowalski, Mauricio Fuks, Alan de Veritch and the late Ik-hwan Bae, and was a protégé of Lin Choliang at Rice University.

Ling is a successful musician and a much sought-after art educator. Upon his return to Hong Kong, he remains active in the classical music scene and is often seen playing solo and chamber works as well as conducting. In continuing his career as a concert musician and conductor, Ling has played with many renowned musicians including Yuja Wang, Lin Choliang, Jaime Laredo,

Ning Feng, Michael Guttman and the Shanghai Quartet.

"City Hall Virtuosi Series: Viola Recital by Andrew Ling" will be held at 8pm on September 8 (Sunday) at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$150 and \$200 are now available at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_840.html.

Over 3 200 vacancies on offer at Kowloon West Job Fair

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a large-scale job fair at Dragon Centre on August 15 and 16. Vacancies in retail, catering, property management and other industries will be offered.

A total of 42 organisations, offering over 3 200 vacancies, will participate in the two-day fair. Twenty-one organisations will set up booths and conduct on-the-spot recruitment each day. The vacancies offered cover a wide variety of positions including clerk, logistics assistant, cargo services officer, ward aide, courier, receptionist, security guard, driver, storekeeper, waiter/waitress, chef, technician, cashier and packer. Job seekers can find more information on the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk).

Around 83 per cent of the vacancies are full-time jobs. Most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$18,000. About 97 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Six education level or below. Around 73 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant work experience, and many vacancies are suitable for secondary school graduates or young people.

Job seekers can submit applications on the spot and may be selected for on-site interviews. They can also make enquiries on the employment services provided by the LD at its counter at the venue.

The job fair will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at the Atrium, 1/F, Dragon Centre, 37K Yen Chow Street, Sham Shui Po (near Sham Shui Po MTR Station Exit C1). Admission is free.