

## **Transport Department's counter services at Sha Tin Licensing Office to resume**

The Transport Department has announced that counter services of the Sha Tin Licensing Office at 2/F, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories, will resume from 9am today (August 6).

For enquiries, please call 2606 1468.

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## **Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool reopens today**

Attention TV/ radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 6) that the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool in Central and Western District, closed yesterday due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, has been reopened today.

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## **Flag-raising ceremony cancelled**

Due to security reason, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (August 6) will be cancelled.

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## **Government response to illegal**

# protests

In response to the serious illegal protests and violent activities across the territory yesterday (August 5), a spokesman for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government said the following:

Advocating strikes and the so-called "unco-operative movement", protesters deliberately blocked the Cross Harbour Tunnel and major trunk roads such as Lung Cheung Road, disrupted train services and caused trouble at various MTR stations yesterday morning, seriously affecting a lot of people's commute to work during peak hours. It was even found that some objects were put on the tracks, risking the safety of train operation and passengers.

In the afternoon, illegal blockage of roads by the protesters spread across the territory and they, in an organised manner, charged the Central Government Offices and police stations in multiple districts, vandalised police vehicles, attacked police officers and committed arson. After nightfall, protesters once again removed a national flag from the flag pole and threw it into the sea, blatantly challenging the national authority. The protesters' organised acts disregarded the law and order, deprived the right of other members of the public to go to work and carry on their daily lives, and seriously affected economic activities. The incrementally spreading and rapidly escalating violence is outrageous, and is pushing Hong Kong to the verge of a very dangerous situation. The HKSAR Government strongly condemns the protesters' acts.

The HKSAR Government is grateful to the civil servants and public service providers for their dedication to work, enabling the normal operation of public services in general and minimising disruptions to public transport yesterday. The Government also thanks people from all walks of life for standing fast at their posts. We once again appeal to all members of the public who cherish and love Hong Kong to work together with the HKSAR Government to combat violence, uphold the rule of law and restore social order as soon as possible.

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## Temporary closure of some LCSD facilities (3)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (August 5) announced that, due to mass gathering activities in various districts, the following facilities have been closed.

Hong Kong Island

1. Central & Western District:

All leisure and sports facilities , Shek Tong Tsui Public Library, Smithfield Public Library, City Hall Public Library, Hong Kong City Hall and Sheung Wan Civic Centre

2. Eastern District:

Java Road Sports Centre

3. Wan Chai District:

Victoria Park Swimming Pool, leisure and sports facilities in Victoria Park, Causeway Bay Sports Ground and Hong Kong Central Library

Kowloon

1. Kwun Tong District:

Ngau Chi Wan Public Library and Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre

2. Wong Tai Sin District:

Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool, Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground, Choi Hung Road Sports Centre, Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre, Morse Park Sports Centre, Morse Park soccer pitches, Lok Fu Recreation Ground soccer pitch and Lung Hing Public Library

3. Yau Tsim Mong District:

Kowloon Park Sports Centre, Kowloon Park Swimming Pool, Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre, Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 1, Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 2, Kwun Chung Sports Centre, Boundary Street Recreation Ground soccer pitch, Fa Yuen Street Public Library, Yau Ma Tei Public Library, Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Yau Ma Tei Theatre

New Territories

1. Islands District

Tung Chung Swimming Pool, Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre, Tung Chung Public Library and Cheung Chau Public Library

2. Kwai Tsing District

North Kwai Chung Public Library

3. Sha Tin District:

Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool, Sha Tin Sports Ground, Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre, Sha Tin Jockey Club Public Squash Courts, Sha Tin Public Library and Sha Tin Town Hall

4. Tai Po District:

All leisure and sports facilities, Tai Po Public Library and Tai Po Civic Centre

5. Tsuen Wan District:

Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre, Wai Tsuen Sports Centre, Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre, Tsuen Wan Sports Centre, Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool, Tsuen Wan Public Library and Tsuen Wan Town Hall

6. Yuen Long District:

Leisure and culture facilities in Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Cultural and Leisure Services Building