

Territory-wide flag day today

The Hong Kong Society for the Aged has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (August 3), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678. Information on flag days is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew) and the GovHK portal (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

Early closure of some LCSD facilities on Sunday

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (August 2) that in light of possible mass gathering activities in Tseung Kwan O and Central and Western District, the Hong Kong Velodrome, Hong Kong Velodrome Park Skatepark and Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground in Sai Kung District will be closed at 2pm while Kennedy Town Swimming Pool, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Soccer Pitch, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Basketball Courts and Sheung Wan Sports Centre in Central and Western District will be closed at 3pm on Sunday (August 4).

Sports For All Day 2019 will be held this Sunday, with free recreation and sports programmes at designated sports centres in the 18 districts and opening of leisure facilities for public use free of charge. The LCSD will closely monitor the situation in the vicinity of its venues and take appropriate contingency measures to ensure the safety of venue users and members of the public. This may include the announcement of early closure of

possible affected venues at short notice. The LCSD appeals to members of the public who plan to go to those venues with mass gathering activities nearby to take note of the latest announcements (www.lcsd.gov.hk/clpss/en/webApp/News.do) or contact the venue concerned.

Appeal for information on missing girl in Ma On Shan (with photo)

Police today (August 2) appealed to the public for information on a girl who went missing in Ma On Shan.

Lee Yuk-yee, aged 14, went missing after she left her residence in Heng On Estate on July 29 morning. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.58 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and long black hair. She was last seen wearing a black short-sleeved dress and a pair of white sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing girl or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1174 or 9143 9685 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



TD reminds public of special traffic and transport arrangements in Tseung Kwan O on August 4

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 2) reminds the public that special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented in Tseung Kwan O on Sunday (August 4) to facilitate a public order event.

The special traffic and transport arrangements will mainly include:

(I) Road closures

From 12 noon on August 4, the Police may temporarily close the roads in the vicinity of MTR Po Lam Station, Hang Hau Station and Tseung Kwan O Station subject to the actual conditions. Drivers should follow the instructions on traffic diversion as given by the Police.

(II) Public transport arrangements

To cope with the traffic diversion arrangements, three bus routes and two green minibus (GMB) routes will be temporarily suspended. The routings of 19 bus routes and 19 GMB routes will be temporarily diverted within Tseung Kwan O district. Some of the en-route bus stops and GMB stands will be suspended from 1.30pm, while the actual implementation time will depend on the development of the public event. The franchised bus companies and GMB operators will display notices to advise passengers of the temporary arrangements.

(III) Cycling tracks closure

From noon on August 4, the cycling tracks at the following locations will be temporarily closed until the crowd is dispersed:

1. northern kerbside of Po Fung Road;
2. the subway near Ming Tat House, Ying Ming Court;
3. the western kerbside of the section of Po Lam Road North east of Po Fung Road;
4. the subway near Yan Kuk House, Yan Ming Court;
5. the subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
6. the eastern and western kerbsides of the section of Po Shun Road north of the subway near King Yung House, King Lam Estate;
7. the northern kerbside of Po Ning Road;
8. the subway near Tak Hong House, Hau Tak Estate;
9. near the Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School;

10. the subway near the Assembly of God Leung Sing Tak Primary School; and
11. the northern kerbside of the section of Wan Po Road outside the Hong Kong Velodrome Park

Actual implementation of and adjustments to traffic control and traffic diversions will be made by the Police at the time depending on conditions in the areas. The Police will provide instruction to road users at concerned locations. The stability of public transport services may be affected during the public procession. Public transport passengers are advised to pay attention to the arrangements of route diversions and suspension or relocation of stops. Early planning of journeys and use of alternative travelling routes are advised to avoid unexpected delays. Be alert to the latest traffic news through the media.

For enquiries on the special traffic and transport arrangements, members of the public can call 1823 or browse the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) for more details.

FEHD clarification

Referring to rumours about the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) issuing internal instructions asking the staff not to take any action against "lennon walls" as they involved politics, the Department today (August 2) clarified that such claims are unfounded.

The Department has been monitoring the display of bills in various districts. Should there be serious environmental hygiene problem, the Department will handle the situation. No political consideration is involved whatsoever.