

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 (July 12) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Lo So Shing Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme temporary special arrangement for expired subsidy for February to end soon

The Transport Department (TD) today (July 12) reminded members of the public that the interim special arrangement whereby members of the public may apply for late collection of their expired subsidy for February under the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme will end on July 15. Any further late applications beyond July 15 will not be accepted. Commuters who have not collected their subsidy for February may apply for late collection on or before July 15 by calling the Scheme hotline (2969 5500).

"Having regard to the fact that the Scheme is still in its early stage of implementation, and to cater for those who may not have been able to claim the subsidy in the first three months, the Government introduced an interim special arrangement on May 16 whereby members of the public may apply, within one month from the day after the collection period, for late collection of their expired subsidy by calling the Scheme hotline. Upon confirmation of the application, the uncollected subsidy can be collected through various collection channels from the 16th day of the month following the date of the application and within a further three-month period thereafter," the TD spokesman said.

"The interim special arrangement can only be applied to uncollected subsidy for the months of January, February and March by the end of the respective three-month collection periods. Notwithstanding this, members of the public who have yet to collect their subsidy for March are advised to collect it through the established collection channels as soon as possible before July 16, which will save them from calling the Scheme hotline to apply

for late collection," the spokesman said.

The service hours of the Scheme hotline are from 9am to 9pm on Mondays to Fridays and from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Members of the public applying for the expired subsidy can press "1" and "0" after choosing the language on the Scheme hotline to be connected to the customer service representatives directly for the application. The respective periods for handling applications for claiming the uncollected subsidy for the months of February and March are as follows:

Subsidy for the month of	Collection Period (Three months)	Handling Period for applications for claiming the uncollected subsidy (One month)
February	March 16 to June 15	June 16 to July 15
March	April 16 to July 15	July 16 to August 15

Commuters may check their record of public transport expenses and subsidy amount through the website of the Scheme (www.ptfss.gov.hk), the Octopus App and the Scheme hotline. For enquires about the details of the Scheme, please browse through the Scheme website or call 1823.

Lifesaving services at Golden Beach resume

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced that the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District have resumed today (July 12). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

Lifesaving services suspended at Clear Water Bay First 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 (July 12) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Clear Water Bay First Beach in Sai Kung District are suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 6 600 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$600,000 at Man Kam To Control Point on July 9.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Man Kam To Control Point on July 9 and seized inside the container the batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including watches, mobile phone screens, earphones and shoes. A 51-year-old male driver was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

