

[Red flag hoisted at Chung Hom Kok 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 9) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Chung Hom Kok Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

[Effective Exchange Rate Index](#)

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 is 105.2 (down 0.2 against yesterday's index).

[HKETO Berlin takes part in Switzerland's biggest public festival \(with photo\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Berlin (HKETO Berlin), has sponsored the 8th Dragon Boat Race of the Züri Fäscht (Zurich Festival) that took place from July 5 to 7 (Zurich time). The race is a popular event of the three-day Züri Fäscht, Switzerland's biggest public festival that is held every three years in Zurich city. The Director of HKETO Berlin, Mr Bill Li, attended this flagship event and presented trophies to the winning teams at the award ceremony on July 7 (Zurich time). HKETO Berlin also hosted a booth to promote Hong Kong to visitors and athletes.

With its ancient Chinese origins dating back more than 2 000 years, dragon boat racing has nowadays become a modern international sport that is nowhere celebrated as much as in Hong Kong. Amongst several competitive and well-attended races in the city, the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival might be the most prominent one. Each summer, the best teams from around the world

compete in the heart of Hong Kong at the Victoria Harbour at this multi-day event that is packed with sports action, celebrations, live entertainers, marching bands, lion dances, and of course, the most colourful dragon boats one can imagine!

The dragon boat races alone would be reason enough to visit Hong Kong. But Asia's world city is also the stage for other world-class events. It is not only one of the big financial centres in the world and an international business hub. "With a unique blend of East and West, old and new, Hong Kong is one of Asia's top tourist destinations", Mr Li explained at the margin of the races in Zurich. Hong Kong has a year-round calendar of world-class arts, cultural and sporting events and is home to some of the world's largest trade fairs.

Hong Kong, Asia's World City, offers a full depth of unique experiences awaiting visitors to explore in person.

About HKETO Berlin

HKETO Berlin is the official HKSARG representative in commercial relations and other economic and trade matters in Switzerland as well as Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia.



[Hong Kong Customs steps up enforcement action against cross-boundary youth drug trafficking between Hong Kong and Macao \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs stepped up enforcement action against youth drug trafficking activities between Hong Kong and Macao during the period from May

27 to yesterday (July 8). A total of three drug trafficking cases were detected at Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal and China Ferry Terminal, with seizures of about 70 grams of different kinds of suspected dangerous drugs. The estimated market value of the seizures is about \$60,000.

The seized suspected dangerous drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine and ketamine, were found concealed inside the underwear or shoes the arrested persons wore, and were packed in small packages ready for distribution.

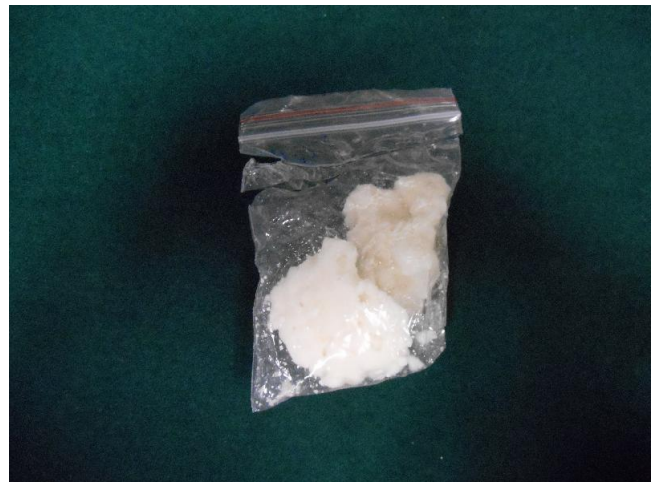
Three men and one woman aged 21 or below were arrested in the above-mentioned cases. The youngest among them was only 15 years old.

As the summer vacation is just around the corner, a Customs spokesman reminded members of the public, in particular the youth, that criminals may post recruitment advertisements on unknown websites and social media platforms to lure students and young people into carrying dangerous drugs or various controlled items. They are reminded to stay alert and not to carry unknown items for other people.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs will continue stringent law enforcement at every boundary control point.

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



[Special traffic arrangements for race](#)

meeting in Happy Valley tomorrow

Special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Happy Valley tomorrow (July 10). The arrangements will come into effect one and a half hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

A. Traffic arrangements before the commencement of the first race

1. Road closure

Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp outside Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) will be closed except for vehicles heading for Aberdeen Tunnel.

2. Traffic diversions

- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the up-ramp outside HKJC will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Vehicles from eastbound Queen's Road East heading for Wan Chai and Happy Valley will be diverted to turn left to Morrison Hill Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic along Queen's Road East cannot turn right to Wong Nai Chung Road except for vehicles heading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Queen's Road East will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Morrison Hill Road to turn right at the junction of Wong Nai Chung Road and Queen's Road East; and
- Traffic from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley or Racecourse will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from southbound Canal Road flyover to Canal Road East, southbound Morrison Hill Road, Sports Road and Wong Nai Chung Road.

B. Traffic arrangements before the conclusion of race meeting

1. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- The up-ramp on Wong Nai Chung Road outside HKJC leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Queen's Road East and the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel;
- Southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Village Road and the Public Stands of HKJC;
- Westbound Leighton Road between Wong Nai Chung Road and Canal Road East; and
- Southbound Morrison Hill Road between Leighton Road and Queen's Road East.

In addition, southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between the up-ramp leading to Aberdeen Tunnel and the Public Stands of HKJC will be closed from about 10 minutes before the start of the last race.

2. Traffic diversions

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 35 minutes before the start of the last race:

- Eastbound Queen's Road East at its junction with Morrison Hill Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading for northbound Canal Road flyover;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Wan Chai will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, U-turn slip road beneath Canal Road flyover, Canal Road West and Hennessy Road;
- Vehicles from Cross Harbour Tunnel heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via the down-ramp leading from Canal Road East, eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Traffic on southbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted to turn left to eastbound Leighton Road;
- Traffic along southbound Morrison Hill Road heading for Happy Valley will be diverted via eastbound Leighton Road and Wong Nai Chung Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road will be diverted to Wong Nai Chung Road.

C. Learner drivers prohibition

Learner drivers will be prohibited to turn left from Caroline Hill Road to Leighton Road between one and a half hours before the start of the first race and one hour after the last race. In addition, learner drivers will be prohibited from accessing the following roads within the above period of time:

- Shan Kwong Road between Yik Yam Street and Wong Nai Chung Road;
- Village Road between its upper and lower junctions with Shan Kwong Road;
- Percival Street between Hennessy Road and Leighton Road;
- Canal Road East; and
- The service road leading from Gloucester Road to Canal Road flyover.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces on southbound Wong Nai Chung Road between Sports Road and Blue Pool Road will be suspended from 11am to 7pm during day racing, from 4.30pm to 11.59pm during evening racing, and from 5pm to 11.59pm during night racing.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of the above affected areas will be towed away without prior notice.

Actual implementation of road closure and traffic diversion will be made by the Police at the time depending on traffic conditions in the areas. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience, and follow the instructions of Police on site.