

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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 7) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Pui O Beach and Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Flag-raising ceremony suspended

Owing to the maintenance works on the flag poles and the podium at the Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai, the flag-raising ceremony scheduled at 8am today (July 7) will be suspended.

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 16-year-old male person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Cape Collinson Correctional Institution today (July 6).

At 6.11am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet tied to the window grille bar of the dormitory. The officer immediately called for reinforcement and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious and referred to a public hospital for further observation and treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and

first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to detention in a training centre for the offence of arson in June 2019.

"Architecture of Shade: Kinetic Playground" art project to examine relationship between humans and nature

An art project entitled "Architecture of Shade: Kinetic Playground" is currently being held at Oi! to investigate the relationships between the ecosystem, climate change and human activity through the integration of architecture and art. The project also aims to increase awareness of environmental protection among members of the public.

With a lawn and trees, Oi! is a green oasis surrounded by skyscrapers, bringing nature into the community. Architects Sarah Lee and Yutaka Yano have specially created a site-specific installation entitled "Architecture of Shade: Kinetic Playground" in response to Oi!'s environment.

"Architecture of Shade: Kinetic Playground" is a kinetic installation with canopies. The canopies respond to changes in the surrounding elements such as sunlight, wind and human movement by opening and closing. This encourages visitors to interact with the artwork and reflect on the relationship between climate change and human activity, intertwining art and nature with people's daily lives.

Hong Kong is home to a number of endangered species. Seats at the installation feature three endangered animals, namely the Chinese white dolphin, black-faced spoonbill and green turtle, with the aim of stimulating visitors' awareness of the local ecosystem and the importance of nature conservation.

"Architecture of Shade: Kinetic Playground" art project is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, organised by Oi!, and will run until January 5 of next year. For details, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/AP0/en_US/web/apo/architecture_of_shade_kinetic_playground.html, or call 2512 3000.

Oi! is located at 12 Oil Street, North Point.

Update on cluster of Influenza A cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a female psychiatric ward, the spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital made the following update today (July 6):

One more patient aged 57 in the ward had presented with respiratory symptom. An appropriate viral test had been arranged for the patient and the test result was positive to Influenza A. Treatment is being given to the concerned patient who is in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.