

Lifesaving services suspended at Cafeteria Old 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 3) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District are suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

“50th Anniversary of Moon Landing” exhibition to showcase milestones of manned lunar exploration

A new special exhibition entitled "50th Anniversary of Moon Landing" opened today (July 3) in the foyer of the Hong Kong Space Museum. The exhibition showcases images, footage, models and interactive exhibits relating to the first manned moon landing mission. The exhibition serves both to introduce lunar science to members of the public and highlight the challenging mission of lunar exploration.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first human landing on the moon, the exhibition looks at the rocket, spacecraft, spacesuit and flight path used in the first manned lunar exploration, as well as a piece of lunar meteorite.

The exhibition also features a 5-metre-high Saturn V rocket model that has been specially created by Lego Hong Kong Limited for the exhibition. The Saturn V rocket was a three-stage liquid-fueled rocket used to send the Apollo spacecraft to the moon. The rocket model consists of more than 200,000 interlocking bricks, showing space technology from a new perspective.

In tandem with the exhibition, the Space Museum has arranged a series of educational programmes including workshops, special lectures and astronomical observations to arouse visitors' interest in astronomy and enhance their knowledge of space exploration.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition was held today. Officiating guests included the Museum Director of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Ms Paulina Chan; the General Manager for Lego Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, Mr Troy Taylor; Lego Certified Professional Mr Andy Hung; and the Curator of the Hong Kong Space Museum, Mr Robert Leung.

The exhibition is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, jointly organised by the Hong Kong Space Museum and Lego Hong Kong Limited and will run until September 2. For details of the exhibition, please visit the Space Museum's website at hk.space.museum or call 2721 0226 for enquiries.

During the successful moon landing by NASA's Apollo 11 mission in 1969, astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on the moon, opening a glorious chapter in manned lunar exploration.

The Hong Kong Space Museum is located at 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

Catering Industry Safety Award Scheme opens for enrolment today

The Catering Industry Safety Award Scheme is open for enrolment from today (July 3) until July 18. All local catering establishments are welcome.

The scheme, jointly organised by the Labour Department (LD) and the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC), aims to enhance the safety and health awareness of employers, employees and their families in the catering industry, as well as the general public. Through an open competition, the scheme also aims to commend catering establishments, groups, supervisors and workers with a good safety and health performance.

All catering establishments in Hong Kong are welcome to compete in the five categories of awards, which are Catering Establishment, New Participant, Supervisor, Safe Worker, and Safe Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The New Participant category is a new initiative for this year and it aims to encourage new catering establishments or those which did not enter in the past five years to join the scheme.

The Catering Establishment category is divided into seven sub-categories: Chinese restaurants, restaurants (non-Chinese), hotels with kitchens, fast food shops serving Western food, fast food shops serving Chinese and general categories of food, cafés, and light refreshment eating places and canteens. Any catering establishment fulfilling the eligibility for the New Participant category is able to compete in the New Participant award of the respective sub-category.

Participating establishments are required to hold valid licences issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on or before August 8 and until the announcement of the competition results, and their licences should not have been suspended by the FEHD for whatever reason in the 12 months preceding August 8 and until the announcement of the competition results. Also, they should not have recorded any serious or fatal industrial accidents or received any Suspension Notices issued by the LD in the 12 months preceding the enrolment deadline.

For the awards, gold, silver, bronze and meritorious prizes will be set up for each of the seven sub-categories under the Catering Establishment including the New Participant category and the Group Safety Performance Award winners. Awardees of the categories of Supervisor, Safe Worker and Safe Use of PPE, as well as the winners of Safety Awareness Awards will also be presented with certificates and cash coupons.

Preliminary assessment of entries, covering mainly the physical condition of the workplace, will take place from late July to early August. Final assessment, which covers the safety management systems of catering establishments, will be conducted from late August to early September.

Furthermore, the scheme also features a safety quiz. Members of the public aged over 15 as well as catering establishments and related organisations in the industry are welcome to join under the categories of individuals or institutions respectively. The deadline for enrolment is August 2.

Apart from the LD and OSHC, nine co-organisers of the scheme include the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board, the Hong Kong Catering Industry Association, the Hong Kong Hotels Association, the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants and Related Trades, the Association of Restaurant Managers, the Institution of Dining Art, the Association for Hong Kong Catering Services Management, the Food and Beverage Management and Professional Staff Association and the Eating Establishment Employees General Union.

Enrolment forms and brochures of the scheme and the quiz can be obtained from the Labour Department's Occupational Safety and Health Branch offices and the Occupational Safety and Health Council on 19/F, China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, or downloaded from the LD's website www.labour.gov.hk. Enquiries can be made on 2852 3567 or 2852 3565.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay First 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 3) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay First Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 3) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Deep Water Bay Beach, St Stephen's Beach, Turtle Cove Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach in Islands District; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.