

Tender closing time extended due to blockage of public access to Government Secretariat Tender Box

The Central Tender Board has announced that the closing time for tenders which should originally have been received through the Government Secretariat Tender Box (GSTB) by noon on June 14 will be extended until noon on June 21.

Tenderers have to make use of the Staff Entrance on the second floor of East Wing, Central Government Offices (CGO), or other routes as directed by security staff on site, to deposit their tenders into the GSTB located on the ground floor of East Wing, CGO. Tenderers may wish to check in advance and allow sufficient time to make arrangements to deposit their tenders into the GSTB before the new closing time.

For enquiries, please call 2810 2497 between 9am and 6pm.

Agenda of today's LegCo meeting revised

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The agenda of the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting, scheduled for today (June 19) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex, has been revised. The President has given permission for Mr Au Nok-hin and Mr Lam Cheuk-ting to ask, under Rule 24(4) of the Rules of Procedure (RoP), urgent oral questions on the Police's handling of large-scale demonstrations and assemblies.

Meanwhile, Mr Kwong Chun-yu will move an adjournment motion under RoP 16(2). The motion states: "That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of debating the following issue: in response to the Police's handling of the public assembly held in the areas around the Legislative Council Complex on June 12, 2019 (including clashes with members of the public and journalists, categorisation of the assembly as a riot, and large-scale arrest of and search operations against the participants after the assembly) and the views expressed by the public on the matter, the countermeasures to be adopted by the Police in respect of large-scale public assemblies that are very likely to take place shortly."

For the latest agenda items of today's LegCo meeting, please refer to the LegCo Website:

www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/counmtg/agenda/cm20190619.htm.

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 (June 19) will be suspended.

Murder and suicide in Ma On Shan

Police are investigating a murder and suicide case in Ma On Shan yesterday (June 18) in which a 61-year-old man and his 59-year-old wife died.

At about 5.27pm yesterday, Police received a report that a man and a woman suspectedly fell from height in a housing estate on Ning Tai Road, Ma On Shan.

Police officers sped to the scene and found the 61-year-old man and the 59-year-old woman lying unconsciously on the podium. Both of them were certified dead at scene.

Initial investigation revealed that the woman's neck had been strangled with a rope before she fell from height.

A nylon rope in suspected connection with the case was seized inside a unit.

Post-mortem examinations will be conducted later to ascertain the causes of their deaths.

Active investigations by the District Crime Squad of Sha Tin District are underway.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 2727.

HKETO, Brussels supports Hong Kong musical talent at Rome Chamber Music Festival (with photos)

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Brussels (HKETO, Brussels), talented young Hong Kong cello player Calvin Wong took part in the 16th Rome Chamber Music Festival, which ran from June 13 to 17 (Rome time).

Wong was one of 25 young artists chosen to study and perform with festival artists at the beautiful Palazzo Barberini in Rome, Italy this year. A famous example of Baroque architecture, the palazzo is also home to the national gallery of fine arts – the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica. After taking part in public rehearsals from June 13 to 15, Wong performed the Octet in E-flat major Op.20 by Felix Mendelssohn with other musicians on June 16 and 17.

Founded in 2003, the festival presents a diverse programme of masterworks performed by prominent artists and aspiring music talents over a five-day period.

This was the sixth time that a young Hong Kong musician was selected for the festival's Young Artist Programme.

The HKETO, Brussels has always supported and promoted Hong Kong's creative industries and enabled many Hong Kong talents to perform in Europe. The CY Leo Electronic Trio from Hong Kong, comprising a harmonica virtuoso, a pianist and an electronic musician, was invited to perform at this year's Chinese New Year receptions hosted by the HKETO, Brussels in The Hague, Paris and Brussels. The HKETO, Brussels also enabled a Hong Kong art curator to take part at a roundtable event organised at the international contemporary art fair Arco in Madrid, Spain in March. As regards the Hong Kong film industry, the HKETO, Brussels has this year assisted in the showcasing of Hong Kong films at three well known European film festivals, namely the CinemAsia Film Festival in Amsterdam, the Netherlands; the Brussels International Fantasy, Fantastic, Thriller and Science Fiction Film Festival in Belgium; and the Far East Film Festival in Udine, Italy. The HKETO, Brussels also supported the Hong Kong comic industry's participation at the 46th Angoulême International Comics Festival, France, in January 2019, as well as supporting the Hong Kong Pavilion, jointly organised by the Hong Kong Publishing Federation and the Hong Kong Printers Association, at the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2019 held in Italy in April.

