

Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies for June 2019 starts

The Census and Statistics Department has commenced a new round of the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies to collect data on employment and vacancies in major industry sections of the economy in respect of June 2019. This survey is conducted quarterly. The survey results are useful in serving as short-term economic indicators and providing information on the latest changes in the labour market.

This round of the survey covers about 29 000 establishments which are drawn from various industry sections including industrial sections (such as mining and quarrying; manufacturing; and electricity, gas and waste management) and the services sections (such as import/export, wholesale and retail trades; accommodation and food services; transportation, storage, postal and courier services; information and communications; financing and insurance; real estate; professional and business services; and social and personal services). Information on the number of persons engaged and vacancies, together with the characteristics of job vacancies, as at June 28, 2019, will be sought from each selected establishment.

Questionnaires are being sent by mail or by fax to selected establishments. In accordance with the Census and Statistics Ordinance, these establishments are required to complete and return the questionnaires to the department within the specified period. If individual establishments have any difficulties in completing the questionnaires, they may contact the department for assistance at 2234 3800.

Multimedia puppet and music theatre production “Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy” to be staged in August (with photos)

La Companyia del Príncep Totilau from Spain will present the multimedia puppet and music theatre production "Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy" for family enjoyment in August.

Blending classical music with human actors and appealing puppets,

intriguing lighting and large-scale video images, rippling movement and dance, the programme presents a mysterious and exhilarating realm of discovery.

French 19th century composer Claude Debussy is renowned for his atmospheric impressionist works. In the programme, audiences can enjoy a live piano performance of Debussy pieces, including favourites "Clair de Lune" and "Deux Arabesques No. 1".

The story revolves around Monsieur Croche, who is dreaming during an afternoon nap. As his pillow slowly rises, he and his wife float towards a mesmerising enchanted island. Accompanied by a playful, blue-haired, horned fairy, they meet magical giant-eyed elves and a huge insect that swallows musical notes, and have a tussle with a mermaid amid the tossing sea, as their inspirational journey draws them into the joyous world of creativity.

"Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy" is one of the programmes of the summer festival International Arts Carnival (IAC). Details are as follows:

Dates and time: August 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday), 8pm

Venue: Hong Kong City Hall Theatre

Prices: \$140, \$220 and \$280

Date and times: August 3 (Saturday), 5pm and 8pm

Venue: Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre Theatre

Prices: \$140, \$220 and \$280

Date and time: August 4 (Sunday), 5pm

Venue: North District Town Hall Auditorium

Prices: \$140 and \$240

Tickets are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.hkiac.gov.hk/2019/en/debussy.html.

The IAC, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will run from July 5 to August 18.





Correctional Services Department combats illicit activities

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) today (June 14) launched an operation at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to combat illicit activities by persons in custody.

At around 3.53pm yesterday (June 13), five male remand persons in custody were found fighting inside a dayroom. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement. During the incident, five persons in custody sustained minor injuries to the head, the back and elbows etc. After examination and treatment provided by the institution Medical Officer, they did not need to be sent to a public hospital. Investigation revealed that the fight broke out in relation to illicit transaction of food among persons in custody. During the course of the incident, 20 persons in custody refused to return to their cells and demanded the management to rescind any further investigation. After warning and further reinforcement, they voluntarily left the dayroom and were removed from association for investigation.

According to intelligence, some persons in custody attempted to incite others and organise collective activities with a view to acting against the management. After assessment and detailed planning, the CSD deployed the regional response team, a dog unit and support teams to Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to conduct searches of target locations and persons. During the operation, three remand persons in custody, who were found in possession of unauthorised articles or suspected of engaging in illicit activities, were removed from association and put under investigation. The present atmosphere at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre is stable. The CSD will continue to closely monitor the development and the persons in custody concerned.

In order to assist persons in custody to rehabilitate in a safe and orderly environment, the CSD spares no effort in combating illicit activities of all kinds in its institutions.

Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre is a maximum security prison for the detention of male adult persons in custody who are mostly on remand.

Approved Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan amended

The Town Planning Board today (June 14) announced amendments to the approved Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

The amendments mainly involve the rezoning of a site to the southeast of Tsing Sheung Road from "Other Specified Uses" ("OU") annotated "Marine-related Uses" to "OU" annotated "Container Related Uses", and incorporation of related land and sea areas into the planning scheme area and zoning the areas as "OU" annotated "Container Related Uses" for barge berthing with supporting container storage and ancillary facilities. Opportunity is also taken to amend the Notes and Explanatory Statement of the OZP to reflect the above amendments and to update the general information of various land use zonings, where appropriate.

The draft Tsing Yi OZP No. S/TY/29, incorporating the amendments, is now available for public inspection during office hours at (i) the Secretariat of the Board, (ii) the Planning Enquiry Counters, (iii) the Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office, and (iv) Kwai Tsing District Office.

Any person may make written representations in respect of the amendments to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board on or before August 14. Any person who intends to make a representation is advised to read the revised Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 29B on "Submission and Publication of Representations, Comments on Representations and Further Representations under the Town Planning Ordinance" (TPB PG-No. 29B) promulgated in November 2018 and taking effect in 2019. Submission of a representation should comply with the requirements set out in TPB PG-No. 29B. The Guidelines and the submission form are available at locations (i) and (ii) above and the Board's website (www.info.gov.hk/tpb).

Copies of the draft Tsing Yi OZP are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the plan can be viewed at the Town Planning Board's website (www.info.gov.hk/tpb).

Two approved outline zoning plans referred back for amendment

The Town Planning Board announced today (June 14) that the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) has referred two approved outline zoning plans (OZPs) to the Board for amendment to reflect the latest land use proposals in the Kwun Tong (South) and Yuen Long areas.

Each OZP incorporating the respective amendments will be exhibited for public inspection under the provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance.

The Kwun Tong (South) OZP was last approved by the CE in C in October 2018 and the Yuen Long OZP was last approved in October 2016.