

Director of HKO elected co-Vice-President of new WMO commission (with photo)

The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), Mr Shun Chi-ming, was elected as a co-Vice-President of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (the Services Commission) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) at the 18th World Meteorological Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland yesterday (June 13, Geneva Time).

The Services Commission is one of the two new commissions established by the WMO, as part of its governance reform, to consolidate the existing eight technical commissions. It is the primary mission of the Services Commission to contribute to the development and implementation of globally harmonised weather, climate, water, ocean and environment-related services and applications to enable informed decision making and realisation of socio-economic benefits by all user communities and society as a whole.

"It is my great honour to serve as a co-Vice-President of the Services Commission. Having actively participated in the work of the WMO in the past two decades, I look forward to making further contributions to the WMO through my service to the new commission. The Services Commission has a much wider portfolio than that of the previous technical commission which I presided over from 2010 to 2018. Looking ahead, I will devote my best efforts to further strengthen the co-operation between the WMO and the HKO, with a view to enhancing the provision of meteorological services for the benefit of both Hong Kong and the international community," Mr Shun said.

Recent collaborations between the WMO and the HKO include the launch of the Severe Weather Information Centre (SWIC) 2.0 website and the Global Multi-hazard Alert System for Asia in 2018 to provide online platforms for aggregating warnings issued by official weather service organisations. In 2018, the HKO was also designated by the WMO as the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre for Nowcasting and the Testbed for Doppler Light Detection and Ranging systems.

Mr Shun, who has been serving as Director of HKO since 2011, is also the Permanent Representative of Hong Kong, China with the WMO. Mr Shun was elected as President of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology of the WMO in 2010, the first Asian to take up this position. He was re-elected in 2014 and served in that position until his term ended in 2018.

The WMO is the intergovernmental agency of the United Nations for weather, climate, operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences. At present, the WMO has 187 member states and six member territories, including Hong Kong, China. The core functions of the WMO include the fostering of meteorological research and observations, data exchange and technology

transfer, as well as relevant training and application services.



URBTIX outlets at nine Tom Lee branches to cease operation from July 1

A Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) spokesman announced today (June 14) adjustment of service of URBTIX outlets at branches of Tom Lee Music Co Ltd with effect from July 1 (Monday). Apart from the Tsim Sha Tsui and Wan Chai branches, which will maintain operation as URBTIX outlets, the URBTIX outlets at the following nine Tom Lee branches will cease operation according to the company's business plan. The ticket dispensing machines installed at these branches will remain in service for patrons to collect tickets purchased through URBTIX online and via mobile app and telephone bookings.

Tom Lee Western District Branch (Shop 241, 2/F, The Westwood, 8 Belcher's Street, Western District)
Tom Lee Whampoa Garden Branch (Shop 4-5, Site 10, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom)
Tom Lee Olympian City Branch (Shop G02, Olympian City 3, 1 Hoi Wang Road)
Tom Lee Tsing Yi Branch (Shop 167-168, Level 1, Maritime Square, Tsing Yi)
Tom Lee Sha Tin Branch (Shop 303, L3, HomeSquare, 138 Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin)
Tom Lee Tai Po Branch (Shop 75-76, Level 1, Uptown Plaza, 9 Nam Wan Road, Tai Po)
Tom Lee Tseung Kwan O Branch (Shop No. 231, Level 2, East Point City, Tseung Kwan O)
Tom Lee Luk Yeung Galleria Branch (Shop Unit S35, 2/F, Luk Yeung Galleria, Tsuen Wan)
Tom Lee Yuen Long Branch (Basement, Shing Shun Building, 43 Castle Peak Road,

Yuen Long)

From July 1, there will be 22 URBIX outlets in various districts, including 15 located at LCSD performance venues and seven operated at other cultural venues and organisations (including Tom Lee branches) under URBIX ticketing agent agreements signed with the LCSD.

For details of the locations and opening hours of all the URBIX outlets, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ticket/counter.html. Tickets can also be purchased via the website www.urbtix.hk and the mobile ticketing app "My URBIX" (Android and iPhone versions) throughout the day, and through the credit card telephone booking hotline 2111 5999 from 10am to 8pm daily.

Proposed amendments to Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link gazetted

The Government gazetted today (June 14) the proposed further amendments in the amendment scheme annexed to Amendment Plans of the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link.

Details of the proposed further amendments are set out in the Annex. The Plan for Creation of Easements and Permanent Rights (Easements plan) and second amendment scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Eastern Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Eastern Law Courts Building,
29 Tai On Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong

Wan Chai Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, 2 O'Brien Road,
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

District Lands Office,
Hong Kong West and South,
20/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

District Lands Office,
Hong Kong East,

19/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

The gazette notice, second amendment scheme, the Easements plan and location plan will be available at
www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the proposed further amendment, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by proposed further amendment. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than August 13, 2019.

Proposed road works at Lok Ma Chau Loop gazetted

The Government gazetted today (June 14) the proposed road works of the Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop Main Works Package 1 to cater for the development in the area.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, North District Government Offices,
3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, North,
6/F, North District Government Offices,
3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans, resumption plan and location plan will be available at

www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than August 13, 2019.

[Speech by S for IT at Hong Kong IoT Conference \(English only\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, at the Hong Kong IoT Conference:

Andy (President of the Hong Kong Internet of Things Industry Advisory Council, Mr Andy Bien), Anna (Chief Executive of GS1 Hong Kong, Ms Anna Lin), Charles (Legislative Council member Mr Charles Mok), distinguished guests, friends, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning everyone. It is a great pleasure to join you all today at the Hong Kong Internet of Things (IoT) Conference 2019, which has stepped into its seventh edition.

First of all, I would like to thank GS1 for organising this annual event. The conference provides an excellent platform for leaders and experts

across industries to exchange views on the emerging trends of IoT and potential applications on real businesses. The theme of this year's conference, "Connected World · Connected Business", aptly describes the increasing significance of being connected in the digital era.

The Internet has evolved from a global network of computers to one connecting almost everything from electrical appliances to vehicles and even buildings. Internet of Things or IoT brings opportunities for new products and services, and creates new value for businesses and consumers. Global consulting firm Gartner predicts there will be 20 billion IoT devices by 2020, and more than 65 per cent of the enterprises around the world will adopt IoT products by then.

Hong Kong aspires to become a leading smart international city in economic development and quality of life. The Government published in December 2017 the first-ever Smart City Blueprint for Hong Kong, which set forth over 70 specific initiatives under six smart areas, covering digital infrastructure and various smart city applications in different walks of life. One initiative is the installation of multi-functional smart lampposts. We will start with about 400 smart lampposts throughout the city under a pilot scheme. The first batch of 50 smart lampposts are being installed in Kwun Tong and Kai Tak Development Area. These lampposts will deploy the patented technology called BATS, developed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. BATS offers high throughput, high expandability and stable data transmission without the need of optical fibre for each lamppost. Later this month, you will see these lampposts coming into operation progressively.

Equipped with cameras, sensors and other smart devices, the smart lampposts can collect real-time urban data such as traffic flows, air quality and weather conditions. Transmitted through a dedicated communications network, the data will be processed using big data analytics and artificial intelligence, so they can be used for enhancing the city management. The data will also be uploaded on to the Government's open data portal, which can then be used by the public for further smart city innovation. We will set up a smart city dashboard to present key metrics in a visual manner on the Government's open data portal by the end of this year. You will see these exciting results upcoming.

There are also many other smart city applications in the public sector adopting IoT. For instance, the Hong Kong Airport Authority has recently highlighted its IoT-Augmented Airfield Service System (AS2). By analysing data from an integrated system of IoT networks, better management of turnaround time between arrival and departure of aircraft was achieved. This innovative solution received a Grand Award under the Smart Mobility Award Category at the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019. Speaking of which, I would like to thank GS1 Hong Kong for being the leading organiser of this award category.

The rapid advancement of IoT technologies is creating endless possibilities for enterprises and the Government. We are also pushing ahead a number of key infrastructure projects to support such developments. These include provision of electronic identity or eID to all Hong Kong residents

starting in 2020, promoting the use of Building Information Modelling, and the deployment of a Common Spatial Data Infrastructure (CSDI). Let us work together to embrace and leverage these new technologies to better serve the Hong Kong public.

I am sure all of you attending the Conference are looking forward to the upcoming discussions, which will offer insights on IoT and related digital innovations for the best possible application. I wish the Conference every success and all of you a very fruitful and rewarding experience. Thank you very much.