

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 (June 12) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District have been suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

Labour Department urges employers to show understanding and flexibility in handling work arrangements

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

In view of the road and traffic conditions in the vicinity of Central, Admiralty and Wan Chai this morning, the Labour Department (LD) today (June 12) urged employers to give due consideration and be flexible if employees cannot resume work in time because of commuting problems.

Special announcement by Education Bureau

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Here is an Education Bureau special announcement concerning schools:

Since students' attendance of school may be affected by abnormal traffic conditions in the Wan Chai and Central and Western districts today (June 12), the Education Bureau suggests that schools adopt contingency measures under school-based mechanisms and exercise flexibility when handling individual students' lateness or absence.

The bureau calls on schools to make suitable arrangements, take proper care of students on campus, maintain communication with parents and, when class is dismissed, allow students to return home only under safe conditions.

The bureau reminds students to put their personal safety above everything else at all times, stay away from potentially dangerous places and not to take part in unlawful activities.

Rescheduling of Council meeting

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

Under Rules of Procedure 14(3), the President of the Legislative Council has directed that the Council meeting of June 12 scheduled to begin at 11am today be changed to a later time to be determined by him. Members will be notified of the time of the meeting later.

Alan Kwan to host second run of jazz lecture demonstration series

Local jazz guitarist Alan Kwan will again host the popular "Jazz Classics: Let's Listen, Let's Jam!" lecture demonstration series in July and August.

In this series of four lectures, Kwan will introduce the audience to the world of jazz legends, with attendees learning about them one by one, hearing their stories as well as interesting anecdotes, and savouring their music works that have attained classic status. Furthermore, audience members can get an opportunity to go onstage and jam with Kwan and his band and special guests. All of the lectures, to be conducted in Cantonese and supplemented with live demonstrations, will be held at 7.30pm at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Details are as follows:

July 17 (Wednesday)

Topic: "Paul Chambers"

Special guest: Daiki Yasukagawa (double bass)

July 24 (Wednesday)

Topic: "Pat Metheny"

Special guest: Eugene Pao (guitar)

July 31 (Wednesday)

Topic: "Max Roach"

Special guest: Ken Kwok (tap dance)

August 7 (Wednesday)

Topic: "Ahmad Jamal"

Special guest: Stefan Karlsson (piano)

Alan Kwan studied and developed his career in jazz music in New York. He has performed in New York, Texas, Tokyo and Taiwan with well-known jazz musicians including Dayna Stephens, Fabian Almazan and Paul Bollenback, as well as Grammy award nominee Gene Aitken.

"Jazz Up" Series: "Jazz Classics: Let's Listen, Let's Jam! Vol. 2" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$80 (for each lecture) are now available at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_802.html.