

Young HK chefs scoop top awards

Graduates of the Chinese Culinary Institute (CCI) and the International Culinary Institute (ICI) have swept up awards at international culinary competitions.

News.gov.hk spoke to the CCI's first-ever female chef team competing in the 2018 Asian Culinary Exchange and an ICI graduate who won gold at the NingBo International Young Chef Challenge for an insight into their award-winning recipes.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (February 3) in text and video format.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (February

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

[Hong Kong welcomes Year of Pig in Finland, Sweden and UK \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) has launched its 2019 Chinese New Year celebrations in countries under its purview by holding events in the Nordic countries of Finland and Sweden as well as in the UK.

The London ETO greeted the Year of the Pig with Chinese New Year receptions in Bristol in the UK on January 15; Helsinki in Finland on January 23; and Stockholm in Sweden on January 29. All of the events were well attended by guests including representatives of the government, business and academic sectors, and the events in Finland and Sweden featured musical performances by Hong Kong musicians to promote the musical talents of Hong Kong.

The New Year celebration in Bristol featured a speech by the Director-General of London ETO, Ms Priscilla To and a festive Lion Dance performance. Ms To briefed the guests on the latest developments in Hong Kong, including the most recent initiatives of the Government in promoting development in the innovation and technology and maritime sector, and encouraged companies in Bristol and the west of the UK to partner with Hong Kong to venture into the vast Mainland China and Asian markets. The Mayor of the West of England, Mr Tim Bowles, also joined the reception to celebrate Chinese New Year with the guests.

Prior to the reception, London ETO, in partnership with Invest Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) organised a seminar about business opportunities in Hong Kong. The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips opened the seminar and spoke on the business opportunities in Hong Kong arising from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Bay Area) Development, as well as the Hong Kong Government's focus and policies on different sectors, including innovation and technology. Two panel discussions followed, featuring speakers from companies who were doing business in Hong Kong, who shared their personal experiences, as well as speakers from supporting organisations such as the UK Department for International Trade and the China Britain Business Council. Ms To closed the seminar by reinforcing the development opportunities and urged UK companies to grasp these opportunities.

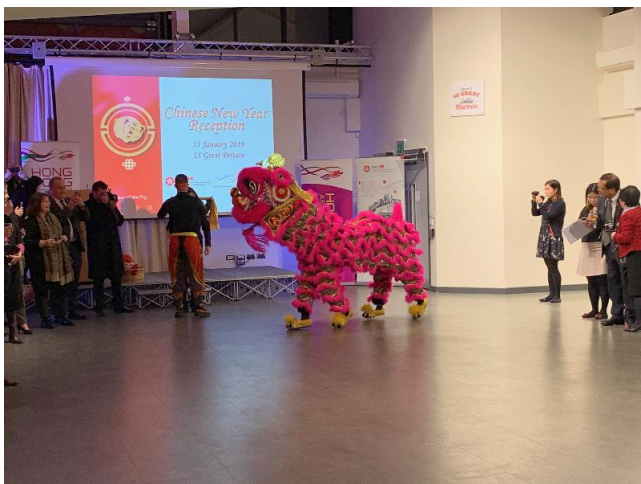
At the Chinese New Year celebration luncheon in Helsinki and the reception in Stockholm, Ms To shared with the guests the latest updates about

Hong Kong, updating them about the vibrant development of the innovation and technology sectors as well as the creative industries in Hong Kong. She encouraged Finnish and Swedish companies to make use of the platform provided by the newly established Nordic Innovation House to gain access to the Hong Kong, Mainland China and Asian markets, highlighting the opportunities arising from the Bay Area Development and the Belt and Road Initiatives. The celebrations also featured performances by young Hong Kong musicians from the Ponte Orchestra, a youth orchestra in Hong Kong.

Other key speakers at the luncheon at Helsinki included the Regional Director Europe of the HKTDC, William Chui; the Vice Chairman of the Finland-Hong Kong Trade Association, Mr Harri Kekkonen; the Managing Director Finnair Cargo, Janne Tarvainen; and the Chief Executive Officer of Claned, Mr Vesa Perälä. The reception in Stockholm featured an interview with Princess Birgitta of Sweden, who has been a patron of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in Sweden for 15 years, as well as a panel discussion on business opportunities in Hong Kong. Speakers include the Chief Executive Officer of European Business of MTR Corporation, Mr Jeremy Long. The Chinese Ambassador to Sweden, Mr Gui Chongyou, also attended the event and praised Hong Kong for being a vibrant and creative city, following his visit to Hong Kong in December 2018.

The Chinese New Year celebrations in Helsinki and Stockholm were co-organised by the London ETO, the HKTDC and local business associations, namely the Finland-Hong Kong Trade Association and the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in Sweden.

The London ETO will be holding further Chinese New Year celebration programmes in other countries under its purview in February and March.





EMSD investigates the incident of a man fell into a lift shaft at Chevalier Garden in Ma On Shan

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is very concerned about the incident in which a man fell into a lift shaft at Block 8 of Chevalier Garden in Ma On Shan today (February 2). The EMSD has commenced an investigation into the incident with the Police.

The EMSD was notified by the Police of the incident at about noon and deployed staff to the site immediately for investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed that the lift concerned is functioning properly and all landing doors of the lift concerned are intact. The incident is suspected to be related to the unauthorised opening of the landing door of the lift. The EMSD and the Police will continue to carry out in-depth investigation to ascertain the cause of the incident.

As a precautionary measure, the lift concerned is under thorough inspection by a registered lift engineer to confirm it is in safe working condition before resuming operation. The EMSD has also arranged the registered lift contractor to carry out inspection to 40 other passenger lifts in the same residential estate to ensure their safe operation. The inspection is expected to be completed by tomorrow. The EMSD will provide on-site supervision.