

Temporary traffic arrangements for tram track renewal works in Central district from this Saturday

The Transport Department (TD) today (January 21) reminded the public that to facilitate the tram track renewal works on Des Voeux Road Central, part of the traffic lanes of Pedder Street will be temporarily closed from about 10am this Saturday (January 26) to 6am next Monday (January 28).

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists.

The TD anticipates that the traffic in the vicinity of the above road sections will be relatively busy. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience in case of traffic congestion. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news through the media or the department's website (www.td.gov.hk).

Guangdong Music Series to feature delightful programmes

The Guangdong Music Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be held in March and April, featuring a range of concerts and talks to delight Guangdong music followers.

The programmes are as follows:

Lecture Series: Cantonese Music in Hong Kong

March 6 to April 10 (each Wednesday), 7.30pm
Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Space Museum
Speakers: Ho Kang-ming and Chan Chi-chun
Tickets: \$50 (for each lecture)

Music Under the Tree

Chaozhou Music
March 9 (Saturday), 2.30pm
Cantonese Music
March 10 (Sunday), 2.30pm
Six Arts Terrace, Kowloon Walled City Park
Free admission

Cantonese Music Assembly – Together We Make New Sounds

March 29 (Friday), 8pm
Theatre, Yau Ma Tei Theatre
March 30 (Saturday), 8pm
Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre
Tickets: \$180 and \$300

A Promenade through Time: Cantonese Pipa Concert by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble
(Presented by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble)

April 6 (Saturday), 8pm
Cultural Activities Hall, Sha Tin Town Hall
April 7 (Sunday), 4pm
Theatre, Yau Ma Tei Theatre
Tickets: \$150, \$200 and \$300

Lecture Demonstration: The Art of Pipa
(Presented by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble)

April 5 (Friday), 7.30pm
AC1, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
Free admission

Concert by Wang Peiyu and Xianshi Ensemble of Shantou

April 13 (Saturday), 8pm
Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre
Tickets: \$160 and \$260

A Concert of Hakka and Hailufeng Folk Music – Baizi Opera, Huachao Opera and Hakka Folk Song

April 19 (Friday), 8pm
Auditorium, Ko Shan Theatre New Wing
Tickets: \$160 and \$260

Tickets are now available at URB TIX (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/groups_690.html.

Application forms for Caring and Sharing Scheme available from today

The Government announced today (January 21) that application forms and related documents for the Caring and Sharing Scheme (CSS) are available from today.

"Application forms and related documents are available from today on the dedicated website (css.gov.hk), or at the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department and the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) or Student Finance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency," a government spokesman said.

Application for CSS will be open from February 1 to April 30, 2019. An applicant may submit the completed application form and documentary proof in an envelope with sufficient postage affixed and send it to PO Box No. 2600 of Mong Kok Post Office. An applicant may also submit the application documents by using the Drop-in Boxes for the Scheme. Details of the locations of Drop-in Boxes are at Annex, which are also available on the following website: www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/careandshare/en/how_to_apply.htm#session2;

Other details of the Scheme are available on the dedicated website. For enquiries, please call the 24-hour hotline 3897 1088.

Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand 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 (January 21) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates of medical wards 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 of medical wards in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.