

CS to visit Guangzhou

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will visit Guangzhou tomorrow (January 19) to attend the plaque unveiling ceremony of the Greater Bay Area Youth Home and a youth exchange activity organised by the New Home Association.

The Youth Home aims to provide service to Hong Kong youngsters who start businesses and live in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong in the evening on the same day.

Yau Tsim Mong District Council by-election nomination period to start on February 8

Nominations for the by-election for the Tai Nan Constituency of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council will be accepted between February 8 and 21, 2019.

"If the number of validly nominated candidates is more than one at the by-election, a poll will be held on March 24, 2018 (Sunday) to fill the vacant seat of the elected member in the constituency," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) said today (January 18).

"A nominee must be a registered geographical constituency elector aged 21 or above who has ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for the three years immediately preceding his or her nomination. Details on the eligibility to be nominated as a candidate, disqualification for being nominated as a candidate and from being elected as an elected member, and the requirements to be complied with by persons nominated as candidates are set out in sections 20, 21 and 34 respectively of the District Councils Ordinance.

"A nomination form must be subscribed by 10 registered electors of the Tai Nan Constituency. Each elector is allowed to subscribe only one nomination," the spokesman added.

The nominee must personally hand in the completed nomination form and an election deposit of \$3,000 to the Returning Officer for this by-election within the nomination period. Nominations are accepted from 9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays, and from 9am to noon on Saturdays.

The District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) has been appointed as the Returning

Officer for this by-election, and her office is located at 4/F and 6/F, Mong Kok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon.

Nomination forms are available at the office of the Returning Officer or can be downloaded from the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk). They can also be obtained at the REO at 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. The office will extend its service hours to include Saturday mornings from 9am to noon until the end of the nomination period.

"Nominees are advised to submit their nominations as early as possible to allow time to correct mistakes, if any, in the nomination forms before the deadline," the spokesman said.

Details of the by-election, the appointment of the Returning Officer and the Assistant Returning Officer, and the appointment of the Nominations Advisory Committee were published in the Gazette today.

Enquiries can be made to the election hotline on 2891 1001.

CE to attend World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Switzerland

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will depart for Switzerland in the early hours on January 21 and will attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos from January 22 to 24. The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, and the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, will join part of the visit.

Mrs Lam will meet with local government officials and members of the business sector in Zurich on January 21 to update them on the latest developments of Hong Kong. She will then go to Davos to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, at which she will address a session on the emerging markets outlook. During her stay in Davos, she will meet with leaders of various economies, the World Economic Forum and the business sector. She will also address the Belt and Road Seminar co-organised by Tsinghua University and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, and the Hong Kong Night co-organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

Mrs Lam will leave Davos on January 25 (Switzerland time) and arrive in Hong Kong on January 26. During her absence, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will be the Acting Chief Executive.

Labour Department organises seminar on Employment Ordinance

The Labour Department called for enrolment for a seminar on the Employment Ordinance to be held at 10am on February 20 (Wednesday) at Hall, 1/F, Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre, 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.

The main provisions of the Employment Ordinance (including wages, leave and termination of contract) and amendments to the Employment Ordinance will be introduced. In addition, the seminar will also cover the Minimum Wage Ordinance and points to note on the employment of foreign domestic helpers.

The seminar will be conducted in Cantonese and admission is free. Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and the enrolment deadline is February 13 (Wednesday). The enrolment form can be downloaded from the department's website (www.labour.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call 2399 2386.

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.