## 7th Hong Kong Games' Vitality Run quota filled

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (January 10) that, following an overwhelming response, the 5 300 places for the about-3-kilometre run and the 10km run of the 7th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Vitality Run have been filled.

A spokesman for the LCSD said that the event has received enthusiastic responses from the public since it was first held in 2015. The quota was increased once again this year to allow more people to take part in this community participation programme.

Entries were snapped up rapidly after enrolment started this morning. The spokesman thanked the public for their support, and called on local residents and those who could not register for the run to cheer for the participants along the route or join the activities at Yuen Wo Playground on the event day.

The Vitality Run is scheduled for the morning of March 10 (Sunday) and will be held alongside the Shing Mun River in Sha Tin. Enrolled participants are advised to attend the event on time. Each participant will get a souvenir T-shirt and a gift pack while those who complete the run within the time limit will receive a certificate and a souvenir medal. To add more fun to the event, participants can dress up and compete for the Most Creative Costume Prizes and the Overall Best Team Costume Prizes.

The about-3km run will begin at 9am. The route will start at Yuen Wo Road (near Sha Tin Sports Ground), proceeding to Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Tai Chung Kiu Road, Fo Tan Road and Yuen Wo Road and finishing at Sha Tin Sports Ground.

The 10km run will commence at 8.30am from the same starting point of the 3km run. It will proceed to Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Tai Chung Kiu Road and Fo Tan Road, and then head back to Yuen Wo Road. After arriving at Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre, participants will switch to the jogging and cycling tracks alongside the Shing Mun River via the Hong Kong Sports Institute campus and sports ground, then turn around before Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works (without entering the Hong Kong Sports Institute) and finish at Sha Tin Sports Ground.

On the event day, activities including stage performances, game booths, a family area and a photo corner will be held at Yuen Wo Playground. Participants and members of the public can enjoy the fun of sports and greet the upcoming 7th HKG.

The HKG is a territory-wide major multi-sports event held biennially with the 18 District Councils as the participating units. The inter-district

sports competitions of the 7th HKG will be held from April 28 to June 2 this year, covering eight sports competitions, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. Apart from sports competitions, a wide range of programmes are also organised for the public to participate in, including the 18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition to be staged at Queen Elizabeth Stadium on February 24.

Details about the 7th HKG are available at the dedicated website.

#### LegCo Finance Committee meeting

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

The meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee (FC) originally scheduled at 3pm tomorrow (January 11) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex will start at 3.15pm (or an earlier time between 3pm and 3.15pm). If the preceding House Committee meeting ends before 3pm, the FC meeting will start at 3pm.

### <u>Labour Department to hold occupational</u> <u>health public talks</u>

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a public talk entitled "Chemical and occupational health" on January 17 (Thursday). It will discuss how chemicals enter the human body and the health impact of chemicals, as well as the prevention and control of chemical hazards.

The talk, to be given by the LD's occupational health nurse, will be held at 6.30pm in Activity Room 1, G/F, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay.

The LD will hold another talk entitled "Manual handling operations and prevention of back injuries" on January 23 (Wednesday). The talk will give a brief account of the structure and functions of the back, and explain the causes and preventive measures of back injuries, as well as proper manual handling operation. Demonstration and practice of workplace exercise will also be included.

Given by the LD's occupational health nurse and occupational hygienist, the talk will be held at 3pm in the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space

Museum, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.

Both talks will be conducted in Cantonese. Admission is free. For enquiries or registration, please call 2852 4040.

### <u>List of environmental impact</u> <u>assessments in fourth quarter 2018</u> released

The Environmental Protection Department today (January 10) released a list of completed and newly commenced statutory environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and non-statutory environmental studies for major development projects between October 1 and December 31, 2018.

Updated information related to the EIA Ordinance is available on the EIA Ordinance website at <a href="www.epd.gov.hk/eia">www.epd.gov.hk/eia</a>.

Completed statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies in the fourth quarter of 2018 include:

- A. Statutory EIAs:
- Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project (Civil Engineering and Development Department)
- 2. Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal
   (CLP Power Hong Kong Limited)
- B. Non-statutory Environmental Studies:

Nil

Newly commenced statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies include:

- A. Statutory EIAs:
- 1. Upgrading of Remaining Sections of Kam Tin Road and Lam Kam Road (EIA
  Study Brief No. ESB-310/2018)
   (Highways Department)
- 2. Yuen Long Effluent Polishing Plant (EIA Study Brief No. ESB-309/2018) (Drainage Services Department)

# 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 (HA) 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.

In addition, the weekly bulletin "Surge in Brief" (appended) will be issued every Thursday to illustrate the four-week trend of key service statistics in public hospitals. "Surge in Brief" can be accessed in the HA Winter Surge designated webpage (<a href="www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en">www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en</a>).