

## Labour Department to hold occupational health public talks

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a public talk entitled "First aid in the workplace" on January 4 (Friday). The talk will introduce basic knowledge of first aid and explain how to assist and handle injured employees in workplace accidents through case illustrations.

The talk will be held at 3pm in Activity Room 1, G/F, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay.

The LD will hold another talk entitled "Occupational health for couriers" on January 10 (Thursday). Musculoskeletal disorders and heat-related illness like heat stroke are common occupational health hazards facing couriers. This talk will discuss the causes of and preventive measures for these hazards. Demonstrations of workplace exercises will also be included.

It will be held at 3pm in the Health Education Room of the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Centre, which is located at G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong.

Both talks will be given by the LD's occupational health nurse in Cantonese. Admission is free. For enquiries or registration, please call 2852 4040.

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## Proposed road works under Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Stage 1 Works gazetted

The Government gazetted today (December 28) the proposed road works under the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Stage 1 Works to cater for the development of the area.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,  
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,  
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,  
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

â€‹ The gazette notice, scheme, plan, resumption plan and location plan will be available at  
[www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm](http://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm).

â€‹ Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to [gazettethb@thb.gov.hk](mailto:gazettethb@thb.gov.hk).

â€‹ A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than February 26, 2019.

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## **SWD launches Special Needs Trust service**

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (December 28) that a Special Needs Trust Office has been established to provide a trust service for parents/relatives who have family members with special needs.

An SWD spokesman said that the Chief Executive announced in her 2017 Policy Address that the Government has decided to steer the formation of the Special Needs Trust (SNT) with the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated (DSWI) as the Trustee, in order to provide a trust service for the parents who have family members with special needs. The DSWI will manage the assets of deceased parents and disburse the Trust Fund to individual or organisation carers regularly according to the parents' wish, so that the assets of the deceased parents are used in meeting the long term financial needs of their children with special needs.

The Special Needs Trust Office will handle administrative issues directly related to the SNT, including the setting up, management and termination of SNT accounts. The Government has allocated \$50 million to set up the Special Needs Trust Office.

The SWD will hold service briefings in January and February 2019 to introduce the service content and application procedures. It is planned to accept service applications from March 2019.

For service information, people may visit the SWD website ([www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_rehab/sub\\_listofserv](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv)). For enquiries, please contact the Special Needs Trust Office at 2116 5308 during office hours.

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## **Appointment of self-recommended youth members to Transport Advisory Committee announced**

The Government announced today (December 28) the appointment of two members to the Transport Advisory Committee (TAC) through the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth, for two years with effect from January 1, 2019.

Chaired by Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, the TAC is a key advisory body to the Government on broad issues of transport policy and major transport-related proposals. The membership of the TAC is available at [www.thb.gov.hk/eng/boards/transport/land/tac.htm](http://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/boards/transport/land/tac.htm).

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## **Appointments of new vice-chairman and members to the Independent Police Complaints Council**

The Government today (December 28) announced the re-appointment of two incumbent vice-chairmen and 13 members, and the appointment of one new vice-chairman and two members to the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2019.

Mr Christopher Cheung Wah-fung and Mr Tony Tse Wai-chuen have been re-appointed as vice-chairmen, and Mr Frankie Yick Chi-ming has been appointed as a new vice-chairman. The re-appointed members are Dr Cheng Kam-chung, Mr Richard Ho Kam-wing, Mr Herman Hui Chung-shing, Mr Edgar Kwan Chi-ping, Ms Au Chor-kwan, Mr Chu Wing-yiu, Mr Douglas Lam Tak-yip, Miss Sylvia Lee Hiu-wah, Dr David Lee Ka-yan, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang, Ms Shalini Sujanani, Professor Wong Chi-sang and Mr Johnny Yu Wah-yung. The newly appointed members are Ms Jane Curzon Lo and Mr Lee Man-bun.

The appointments are made by the Chief Executive according to section 5 of the IPCC Ordinance (Cap 604). The appointment notice was published in the Government Gazette today.

"We are most grateful for the invaluable contributions of the IPCC in ensuring a fair, effective and transparent two-tier police complaints handling system in Hong Kong. We are also thankful for the contributions of the incumbent vice-chairman Mr Chan Kin-por and members Dr Vincent Simon Ho, Mr Arthur Luk Yee-shun and Dr Eugene Chan Kin-keung who will leave the IPCC by the end of their terms on December 31, 2018. We believe that the IPCC will continue to discharge its statutory functions effectively and uphold the efficient operation of the police complaints handling system," the spokesman said.

The IPCC, established under the IPCC Ordinance, is an independent statutory body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the investigation of complaints against members of the Police Force. The IPCC Ordinance provides a statutory basis for the IPCC's role and power and the two-tier police complaints handling system. It also imposes a statutory duty on the Police to comply with the Council's requirements. The IPCC will have a chairman, three vice-chairmen and 23 non-official members in the new term.