

Proposed transport infrastructure works in Diamond Hill gazetted

The Government gazetted today (November 30) the proposed transport infrastructure works at the Diamond Hill Comprehensive Development Area and its vicinity to cater for the anticipated increase in traffic flow and pedestrian movement arising from the various developments.

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

Wong Tai Sin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
Unit 201, 2/F, Lung Cheung Office Block,
138 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,
10/F, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building,
250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon.

The gazette notice, scheme, plans and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

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.

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 January 29, 2019.

HK, India tax treaty in force

The Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (CDTA) between Hong Kong and India has entered into force, a government spokesman said today (November 30).

The CDTA, which was signed in March this year, is the 39th CDTA signed by Hong Kong. It came into force on November 30, 2018 after the completion of ratification procedures on both sides. It will have effect in respect of Hong Kong tax for any year of assessment beginning on or after April 1, 2019.

India was the 7th largest trading partner of Hong Kong in 2017. The CDTA will bring a greater degree of certainty on taxation liabilities for those who engage in cross-border business activities, and help promote bilateral trade and investment activities.

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 (November 30) 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.

Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 gazetted today

The Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 (the Bill) was published in the Gazette today (November 30). The Bill amends the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 480) (SDO), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 487) (DDO), the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 527) (FSDO) and the Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 602) (RDO) to take

forward eight recommendations of priority in the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)'s Report on the Discrimination Law Review (DLR) which are less complex and controversial. The eight recommendations are:

- (1) to introduce express provisions in the SDO prohibiting direct and indirect discrimination on the grounds of breastfeeding, and to include expression of milk in the definition of breastfeeding;
- (2) to replace the references to "near relative" in the RDO with references to "associate";
- (3) to provide protection from direct and indirect racial discrimination and racial harassment by imputation in the RDO;
- (4) to expand the scope of protection from sexual, disability and racial harassment between persons working in a common workplace under the SDO, DDO and RDO;
- (5) to protect service providers from disability and racial harassment by customers under the DDO and RDO;
- (6) to provide protection from disability and racial harassment between service providers and customers where the acts of harassment take place outside Hong Kong but on Hong Kong registered aircraft and ships in the DDO and RDO;
- (7) to protect members or applicants for membership of a club from sexual and disability harassment by the management of the club under the SDO and DDO; and
- (8) to amend provisions in the SDO, FSDO and RDO such that the requirement that no award of damages could be made if the respondent can prove that he/she has no intention to treat the claimant unfavourably shall be disappplied for claims in respect of an act of unlawful indirect discrimination committed on or after the commencement of the Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2018.

A Government spokesman said, "The Government has earlier consulted the Panel on Constitutional Affairs of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and the Labour Advisory Board and gained members' support in pursuing recommendations that are less complex or controversial, and in-principle support for five employment-related recommendations respectively, with a view to ensuring that the proposed legislative amendments are practicable and workable.

"We plan to introduce the Bill into the LegCo for first and second readings on December 12, 2018. If the Bill is passed by the LegCo, legislative protection for persons concerned, especially women, ethnic minorities and employees, will be enhanced," the spokesman added.

Hong Kong Customs combats unfair trade practices at medicine shop

Hong Kong Customs today (November 29) arrested a salesman of a medicine shop suspected to have applied a false trade description in the course of selling a proprietary medicine, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO).

Customs earlier received information alleging that a salesperson of a medicine shop in Sham Shui Po was suspected to have applied a false trade description on a brand of medicine by claiming that it was a particular brand of medicine in the course of selling medicines.

After investigation, Customs officers arrested a 57-year-old man this afternoon.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested person has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs reminds traders to comply with the requirements of the TDO and consumers to procure products at reputable shops.

Under the TDO, any person who in the course of any trade or business applies a false trade description to any goods commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected violations of the TDO to the Customs 24-hour hotline [2545 6182](tel:25456182) or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).