

Fatal traffic accident in Tsing Yi

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tsing Yi in the small hours today (November 24) in which a 34-year-old man died.

At about 1.21am, a bus driven by a 47-year-old man was travelling along Tsing Yi Road West north bound. The bus was later stopped at roadside. A motorcycle driven by the 34-year-old man reportedly rammed into the rear end of the bus.

Sustaining injuries to his head, the motorcyclist was rushed to Yan Chai Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 1.50am.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1300 or 3661 1348.

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 24) 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.

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (November 24). They are, on Hong Kong Island, Pentecostal Holiness Church Shaukiwan Assembly Limited Gilead Social Service Centre; in Kowloon, the Hong Kong Asthma Society; and in the New Territories, Life Education Activity Programme, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Arrangements have been made with the charities to help people

distinguish between the three flag-selling activities.

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on November 24 is as follows:

Region	Name of Organisation	Colour of Collection Bag	Colour of Flag
Hong Kong Island	Pentecostal Holiness Church Shaukiwan Assembly Limited Gilead Social Service Centre	Purple	Purple
Kowloon	The Hong Kong Asthma Society	Purple	White
New Territories	Life Education Activity Programme	Yellow	Light Blue

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the Charitable Fund-raising Control Team at 2832 4311 during office hours. Information on the flag days of the month is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew/). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap/). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

New ticketing arrangement for shuttle bus service at HZMB Zhuhai Port

The Transport Department (TD) noted that a new arrangement will be implemented by the shuttle bus operator of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) from tomorrow (November 24). Under the new arrangement, passengers who travel to the Hong Kong Port from the Zhuhai Port have to purchase the

shuttle bus tickets online in advance for taking shuttle bus to the Hong Kong Port on specific dates and periods, with a view to effectively adjusting the passenger flow of shuttle bus service at different times at the Zhuhai Port.

Upon confirmation with the concerned party, the TD reiterated that holders of the Hong Kong identity cards (or foreign passports) will not be affected by the new arrangement. They can still purchase the shuttle bus tickets at the Zhuhai Port for travelling to the Hong Kong Port. The online ticketing arrangement is also not applicable to passengers going to the Zhuhai Port or the Macao Port from the Hong Kong Port.

Hong Kong Customs combats unfair trade practices at foreign domestic helper agency

Hong Kong Customs today (November 23) arrested a male director cum salesperson of a domestic helper agency suspected of having applied false trade descriptions to the employment services supplied and having wrongly accepted payment, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO).

Customs earlier received information alleging that staff member of a domestic helper agency had made false claims to customers on the application progress for employment of a domestic helper and its licence status in the provision of employment agency service. After accepting payment, the domestic helper agency suddenly closed down and failed to provide employment agency service as well as return the payment to customer.

After investigation, Customs officers today arrested a 52-year-old man.

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

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

Under the TDO, any trader who applies a false trade description to a service supplied to a consumer commits an offence. Trader also commits an offence if at the time of acceptance of payment, the trader intends not to supply the product or intends to supply a materially different product, or there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the trader will be able to supply the product within a specified or reasonable period. 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 or dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).