

Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre reopened

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 17) that Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre in Kwun Tong District will be reopened at 7am tomorrow (September 18).

The sports centre was temporarily closed earlier on for use as a temporary shelter operated by a District Office of the Home Affairs Department.

Speech by CE at welcome home reception for Hong Kong, China Delegation to 18th Asian Games (English only) (with photos/video)

Following is the speech by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at the welcome home reception for the Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 18th Asian Games and flag presentation ceremony for Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games today (September 17):

Timothy (President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), Mr Timothy Fok), Herman (Chef de Mission of the Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 18th Asian Games, Mr Herman Hu), Mr Wong (Chef de Mission of the Hong Kong, China Delegation to the 3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Mr Wong Po-kee), distinguished athletes, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. After seeing off Typhoon Mangkhut, I am so glad to be here today to welcome home our Asian Games athletes, to honour athletic dedication at the highest levels, and to celebrate their excellence and unprecedented achievement.

I'm delighted to repeat what we all know – that our athletes performed brilliantly, returning home from the 18th Asian Games in Indonesia with a record of 46 medals. That includes gold medals in cycling, squash, gymnastics, equestrian and rugby. The two gold medals won in equestrian and rugby are the first ever won by Hong Kong in those events, and in many other events our athletes scored Hong Kong's best results or broke the Hong Kong records.

You have all made Hong Kong truly proud, and I'm speaking of all of you. Whether you returned home with a medal or not, in our hearts and minds you are all champions and role models for the next generation of Hong Kong

athletes. Indeed, in the sacrifices you made in pursuit of excellence, you are role models for all of us.

My congratulations as well to the organisers, the coaches and everyone else associated with the Hong Kong, China delegation to the Asian Games. I have no doubt that Hong Kong athletes will continue to compete with excellence in future competitions.

Such competitions include next month's Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This will be the third Youth Olympics which is the world's largest multi-sport event for athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. Our record 25 gifted young athletes will participate in nine sports. It's an invaluable opportunity to compete in this most elite of international sports events, and I wish each and every one of you a memorable performance and an unforgettable experience.

My Government will continue to support Hong Kong athletes and the development of sports. Timothy, Herman, Tony (Vice President of SF&OC, Mr Tony Yue), and some coaches and athletes will tell you that I have a good track record in supporting sports development in Hong Kong, dating back over a decade ago when I was Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs in charge of sports policy. I still remember vividly that upon my return from the 2006 Doha Asian Games with SF&OC, I announced at the Hong Kong International Airport together with Tim that the Government would build an indoor velodrome of international standard to provide dedicated facility for the training of our cycling athletes. This velodrome now stands proudly at Tsuen Kwan O and has contributed to the excellent performance of our cycling athletes who won three gold, four silver and one bronze at the Jakarta Games, and provide the venue for international competitions enjoyed by the local community. So this experience tells me that dedicated training venue is very important for athletes. I know the Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute, Mr Lam Tai-fai, has another plan for me about building more facilities. I can promise you people that I will give it a very fair hearing.

You may say that past record is not good enough. So let me briefly recount commitments made by this term of the HKSAR Government. In my first Policy Address last October, we allocated \$130 million for the launch of a five-year development programme for the relevant national sports associations to formulate and implement training programmes for Hong Kong athletes to compete in the Asian Games. We have offered funding for enhancing team sports progressively. In the 2018-19 Budget, delivered in February this year, we announced the further injection of \$5 billion into the Elite Athletes Development Fund which together with the \$1 billion injection in 2017, will be able to provide greater support for our elite athletes. Another \$500 million was allocated to launch a Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme to promote large-scale sports events in Hong Kong. We will continue to engage with SF&OC, the Hong Kong Sports Institute and the school sports sector to identify areas for further government support.

So, well done, athletes, and I wish you all the best in your continued pursuit of excellence. é!™æ, -é0<â<•â"iç¹₄ç⁰CaŠ æ²1! âæšè-0âæšâ®1ã€,



Several swimming pools reopened

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 17) that the following swimming pools, which were closed earlier on due to urgent clearance work after the typhoon, have been reopened.

Hong Kong Island

Eastern District:

- Chai Wan Swimming Pool

Southern District:

- Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool

Kowloon

Sham Shui Po District:

- Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool

- Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool
- Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool

Kowloon City District:

- Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool

New Territories

Tsuen Wan District:

- Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool

Kwai Tsing District:

- Kwai Shing Swimming Pool
- North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool
- Tsing Yi Swimming Pool

Yuen Long District:

- Yuen Long Swimming Pool
- Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool

North District:

- Sheung Shui Swimming Pool
- Fanling Swimming Pool

Sha Tin District:

- Ma On Shan Swimming Pool
- Hin Tin Swimming Pool

Sai Kung District:

- Sai Kung Swimming Pool

Tuen Mun District:

- Tuen Mun Swimming Pool
- Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool
- Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool

Islands District:

- Mui Wo Swimming Pool
- Tung Chung Swimming Pool

Meanwhile, Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool in Wong Tai Sin District is temporarily closed until further notice due to urgent clearance work after the typhoon.

Hong Kong showcases its food culture at Lyon Street Food Festival 2018 (with photos)

The street food of Hong Kong shone at the Lyon Street Food Festival held in Lyon, France, from September 13 to 16. The Festival was supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels) in co-operation with the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

Being one of three guest cities along with Montreal and Izmir, Hong Kong presented the typical food culture of Hong Kong, highlighting the Sham Shui Po neighbourhood in particular. The unique Hong Kong street food egg waffles and grid cake was one of the highlights and was well received by the French for its special appearance and rich taste. In addition, Hong Kong dim sum fused with French cuisine delighted and surprised visitors.

The Assistant Representative of HKETO, Brussels, Mr Paul Leung, officiated at the opening of the Hong Kong pavilion. Mr Leung said that the event was a great opportunity to present Hong Kong as an exciting tourist destination with its unique mix of Eastern and Western food culture, in addition to the unforgettable shopping experience, the scenic countryside and hiking trails, and the beautiful islands and beaches. He encouraged people in Lyon to visit Hong Kong to feel the vibrancy of Asia's world city.

The Lyon Street Food Festival, held for the third time this year, aims to showcase special and tasty street foods from different parts of the world. Workshops are held to give visitors first-hand experience in preparing street food. The Festival has built up a reputation as an iconic annual event in Lyon and attracted about 20,000 visitors last year.





SWD urges public not to take children or family members to care centres tomorrow

The Social Welfare Department has announced that as public transport services affected by the typhoon have yet to return to normal, members of the public are advised not to take their children or family members to child care centres, centres providing after-school care programmes, elderly services centres or day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres tomorrow (September

18). Members of the public who have a genuine need to receive the services mentioned are advised to contact the service units concerned and confirm their operating conditions in advance.