

## Lifesaving services suspended at Hap Mun Bay, Kiu Tsui and Trio beaches

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 12) that as lifeguards are unable to go to Hap Mun Bay Beach, Kiu Tsui Beach and Trio Beach in Sai Kung District by ferry due to rough sea conditions, lifesaving services at these beaches have been suspended until further notice. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches until further notice.

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## SCS begins North America visit on civil service training and management (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, commenced a four-day visit to North America yesterday (September 11, Eastern Standard Time), visiting renowned institutes to learn more about their public administration programmes and exchanging views with government officials on the management and training of the civil service.

During the first leg of his visit in Boston, the United States, Mr Law visited the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University to gain a better understanding of the School's training for civil servants as well as its public administration and policy programmes. He also called on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to learn more about its experience in promoting innovation and the use of technology.

Mr Law will today (September 12, Eastern Standard Time) visit the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York, which runs executive courses for civil servants from all over the world. He will also meet with government officials of the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services to exchange views on the management and training of the civil service.

Mr Law will continue his visit programme in Ottawa and Toronto, Canada,

on September 13 and 14 (Canada Time). He will visit the training facilities at the Centre on Public Management and Policy, University of Ottawa to find out about their training courses for public officers. This will be followed by a tour of the Canada School of Public Service to learn more about the School's operation and training courses provided to the civil service there.

Mr Law will meet with government officials of the Privy Council for Canada to exchange views on matters concerning the management of the civil service. He will also meet with representatives of the Ontario Treasury Board in Toronto to discuss matters relating to human resources policy and management in government.

Mr Law will conclude his visit on September 14 (Toronto time) and return to Hong Kong in the morning on September 16.



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## Marine Department announcement

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

As Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 has been issued, the Marine Department reminds vessel owners, masters and persons-in-charge of vessels that they should take precautionary measures immediately and properly secure their vessels at safe locations.

In case of an accident, a report should be made immediately to the Vessel Traffic Centre at 2233 7801.

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## **Red flag hoisted at Kwun Yam 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 (September 12) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Kwun Yam Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **HAD's emergency hotline activated**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Following the issuing of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3, the Home Affairs Department has activated a round-the-clock hotline, 2835 1473, for public enquiries on the tropical cyclone.