

Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun Bay 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 1) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Transcript of remarks by SFH at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session after attending a radio programme this morning (September 1):

Reporter: Is the Government going to further step up the anti-mosquito work after the heavy rain in the past few days? And also, are you seeing the end of the outbreak because we've seen fewer cases reported?

Secretary for Food and Health: Heavy rain always poses challenges to mosquito control work. But the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is stepping up all the mosquito control work, not only in Wong Tai Sin and Cheung Chau but also over the territory. I have previously announced that we have provided additional resources of \$4 million for the 18 districts to strengthen its mosquito control work, mainly for buying more machines for fogging, strengthening their manpower as well as doing more public education. As far as the dengue fever situation is concerned, the Centre for Health Protection has been monitoring the situation. Together with the Hospital Authority, they have created the e-Dengue platform so that we can more efficiently identify cases and treat them accordingly. In the past week, we have noticed less confirmed cases. But on the other hand, we are also very vigilant in monitoring the entire situation. We haven't slowed down our efforts. We do not rule out that there may be individual cases coming up in the future. We have stepped up our surveillance and also mosquito control work. We are also strengthening the number of fogging and mosquito control work in different high risk places, and also public education as well as manpower.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin tomorrow

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting tomorrow (September 2).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

FS to lead business mission to Israel

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, will depart for Israel in the evening on September 2 to lead a four-day business mission to strengthen business and economic ties between Hong Kong and Israel and seek closer collaboration on the innovation and technology (I&T) front.

The delegation is comprised of more than 30 business leaders representing companies in the fields of financial services, venture capital investment, biotechnology, Fintech and smart city development. Also joining the delegation will be the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, and the Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips.

Mr Chan, the other officials and the business delegates will visit Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Apart from attending a briefing by the Israeli Government on business opportunities in Israel, they will meet representatives of the local business sector as well as visit local I&T companies and the research and development (R&D) institute of a local university.

Mr Chan will also call on senior officials of the Israeli Government.

While in Tel Aviv, Mr Chan will give a keynote speech at a luncheon jointly organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council to promote stronger economic and I&T collaboration between Hong Kong and Israel. He will also speak at the 6th Annual China Business Summit to showcase Hong Kong's unique strengths which make it the ideal platform for enterprises in seizing new opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong in the morning on September 7 (Hong Kong time). During his absence, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, will act as the Financial Secretary.

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 (September 1) that due to inclement weather, red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.