<u>Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should inform their supervisors and seek medical help immediately.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Red flag hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh 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 (August 25) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Open recruitment for new Ombudsman begins

The post of The Ombudsman is open for applications from today (August 25).

The term of office of the incumbent Ombudsman, Ms Connie Lau Yin-hing, will expire on March 31, 2019. Ms Lau indicated earlier that she would not seek a renewal of her mandate. The Government respects her personal decision.

Advertisements for the post, which set out the details of the requirements for potential candidates, have been published in newspapers today. Applicants must have:

- (a) permanent residency in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- (b) a good general education;
- (c) at least 15 years of experience in public administration, professional practice or private sector management at a senior level;
- (d) a clear vision, impeccable integrity, a strong sense of justice and fairness, good leadership qualities and management skills and mature personality;
- (e) previous experience in public or community service in Hong Kong; and
- (f) strong language and communication skills, including good command of written Chinese and English and spoken Cantonese and English.

All applications should be submitted to Korn/Ferry International (HK) Ltd at 15/F, St George's Building, 2 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong by September 14, 2018.

Under The Ombudsman Ordinance (Cap 397), the appointment authority for

The Ombudsman rests with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive has appointed a Selection Board for this recruitment exercise. The Board is chaired by Mr Chow Chung-kong, and its members are Mrs Fanny Law Fan Chiufun, Mr Simon Ip Sik-on and the Director of Administration.

Established by The Ombudsman Ordinance, the Office of The Ombudsman serves the community of Hong Kong by redressing grievances and addressing issues arising from maladministration in the public sector through independent, objective and impartial investigations, bringing about improvements in the quality and standard of and promoting fairness in public administration.

The primary function of The Ombudsman is to investigate, whether upon complaint or on his/her initiative, the alleged maladministration of government departments and the public authorities and organisations which are under the jurisdiction of The Ombudsman.

Territory-wide flag day today

The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (August 25), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

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.