

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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 (October 5) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Clear Water Bay First Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

"M" Mark status awarded to WBSC Baseball5 World Cup 2024

The following is issued on behalf of the Major Sports Events Committee:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) has awarded "M" Mark status to WBSC Baseball5 World Cup 2024 which will be held at the Central Harbourfront Event Space from October 7 to 12.

The Chairman of the MSEC, Mr Wilfred Ng, said today (October 5) "We are very pleased to award the 'M' Mark status to the 'WBSC Baseball5 World Cup 2024'. Baseball5, which breaks away from conventional baseball, will provide a thrilling experience for global audiences while contributing to the local economy and sports development. We believe that this event will become an important milestone in promoting the popularity of Baseball5 in the community."

The "M" Mark System aims to encourage and help local "national sports associations" and private or non-government organisations to organise more major international sports events and nurture them into sustainable undertakings. Sports events meeting the assessment criteria will be granted "M" Mark status by the MSEC. Funding support will also be provided to some events.

For details of "M" Mark events, please visit www.mevents.org.hk.

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (October 5) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

Territory-wide flag day today

The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (October 5), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permits have been published on the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flag-selling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/controlofc/flagdays) for reference. For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678.

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.

Brussels ETO supports Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia in Spain (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (Brussels ETO) supported the 57th Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia, which is taking place in Sitges, Spain, from October 3 to 13 (Sitges time). Five Hong Kong movies are featured in the Festival, namely "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", "The Goldfinger", "Peg O' My Heart", "The Moon Thieves"

and "Inexternal".

Brussels ET0 hosted a reception on October 4 (Sitges time) with the participation of the Director of "Inexternal", Mr Yuen Kim-wai, and about 100 guests from the local film, cultural and business sectors.

Speaking at the reception, Assistant Representative of Brussels ET0 Mr Paul Leung, said that Hong Kong is the East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges and an Asian front-runner in the global film history.

"To enhance the development of the film industry, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has been supporting the film industry through the Film Development Fund in four strategic directions, namely, nurturing talent, enhancing local production, expanding markets and building audiences," added Mr Leung.

He highlighted the recently launched Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme, which subsidises film projects coproduced by filmmakers from European and Asian countries to produce films featuring Hong Kong, European and Asian cultures. The scheme aims to support Hong Kong films to expand to overseas markets.

Founded in 1968, the Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia is the world's leading fantasy film festival. It screens films related to the fantastic genre, including action and adventure movies and black comedies, with a special emphasis on thrillers.

