

## Cancellation of LegCo subcommittee meeting

The meeting of the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Medical Council (Election and Appointment of Lay Members) Regulation originally scheduled for tomorrow (June 5) at 8.30am has been cancelled.

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## Missing woman in Wong Tai Sin located

A woman who went missing in Wong Tai Sin was located.

Wong Lai-shan, aged 23, went missing after she left her residence in Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate in January 2017. Her family made a report to Police on May 30, 2018.

The woman turned up at Wong Tai Sin Police Station to cancel the missing person report this afternoon (June 4). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## An extremely hot and sunny May

Under the influence of an upper-air anticyclone over the northern part of the South China Sea, Hong Kong experienced an exceptionally hot and dry May this year with a 20-day fine spell that persisted till the end of the month. There were in total 16 very hot days and six hot nights in the month, breaking the records for May.

The monthly mean temperature of 28.3 degrees was 2.4 degrees above the normal figure and the highest recorded for May. The monthly mean minimum and maximum temperatures were 26.1 degrees and 31.7 degrees respectively, which were 2.0 degrees and 3.3 degrees above their respective normal figures, and were the highest and second highest on record for May. The total duration of bright sunshine was 236.9 hours, 96.5 hours above the normal figure of 140.4 hours and the fourth highest on record for May. The mean cloud amount of 62 per cent and the mean relative humidity of 77 per cent were the fifth and the third lowest on record respectively for May. Rainfall in the month amounted to only 57.5 millimetres, less than one-fifth of the normal of 304.7 millimetres. The accumulated rainfall recorded in the first five months of

the year was 175.0 millimetres, a deficit of 73 per cent compared to the normal figure of 640.8 millimetres and the second lowest recorded for the same period.

Apart from some isolated showers and coastal fog on May 1, the month began with generally fine weather. After a very hot day on May 3, the weather turned cloudy with some scattered showers towards the evening as winds strengthened from the east. The easterly airstream brought much cooler conditions and the month's lowest temperature of 22.1 degrees was recorded on May 4. As the easterly airstream subsided, the weather turned brighter over the next two days despite the occurrence of some showers, particularly over the eastern part of the territory on May 6.

With a trough of low pressure over Guangdong moving towards the coastal areas, the weather in Hong Kong turned cloudy with showers and thunderstorms later on May 7. More than 50 millimetres of rain fell over Hong Kong Island and Sai Kung on the morning of May 8 as the trough swept across the territory. Cloudy and showery conditions continued for the next three days as a strengthening easterly airstream once again brought cooler weather to the south China coastal areas.

As the easterly airstream subsided and an upper-air anticyclone became firmly established over the northern part of the South China Sea, a spell of fine weather set in on May 12 and persisted till the end of the month. The territory was mostly rain-free during the period, apart from some isolated showers on May 21, 22, 25 and 30, and showers on the mornings of May 26 and 27 as a trough of low pressure developed over southern China. With long hours of sunshine, a heat wave tightened its grip on the territory in the latter half of the month with daytime temperatures at the Hong Kong Observatory reaching 33.0 degrees or above for 15 consecutive days from May 17 to 31 and soaring to a peak of 35.4 degrees on May 30, the highest temperature of the month and the second highest on record for May. The Very Hot Weather Warning remained in force for more than 320 hours, a record since the introduction of the warning in 2000.

There was no tropical cyclone over the South China Sea and the western North Pacific in May 2018.

Details of issuance and cancellation of various warnings/signals in May are summarised in Table 1. Monthly meteorological figures and departures from the normal for May are tabulated in Table 2.

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## **SFST to attend Syndicated Loan Market**

## Conference in Macao

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, will leave for Macao tomorrow (June 5) to attend the 20th Annual Syndicated Loan Market Conference of the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association.

He will deliver a keynote speech to share views on the growth opportunities for Hong Kong's financial services industry.

Mr Lau will also meet with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Monetary Authority of Macao, Dr Chan Sau-san, to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.

Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

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## Several works contractors of Redhill Peninsula in Southern District convicted for illegally disposing of construction waste continuously

Three works contractors of Redhill Peninsula and their drivers, who illegally disposed of construction waste at Tai Tam Road in Southern District, were convicted by Eastern Magistrates' Courts on May 14, May 21 and today (June 4) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO). They were fined a total of \$22,500.

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) received reports from members of the public that construction waste was illegally deposited in the vicinity of Redhill Peninsula continuously. The EPD stepped up surveillance to monitor the district in last October and November and intercepted three dump trucks, from which construction waste had been deposited at a public lay-by area on Tai Tam Road. Upon investigation and evidence collection, it was confirmed that the construction waste originated from multiple works contractors of Redhill Peninsula. The offenders involved were subsequently prosecuted in accordance with the WDO.

In addition, two other works contractors of Redhill Peninsula were also convicted for illegal disposal of construction waste at Pak Pat Shan Road in January and April this year. The EPD proactively followed up with the person-in-charge of Redhill Peninsula's property management company and the chairperson of the incorporated owners of the estate. The department also

urged the property management company to strengthen its management of renovation contractors, which included requiring the contractors to provide disposal records of construction waste of each truck, so as to ensure the construction waste generated from Redhill Peninsula would not be illegally disposed of.

An EPD spokesman reminded property owners, owners' corporations and property management companies that they have the responsibility to urge their renovation contractors to handle construction waste properly in accordance with the law, in order to avoid illegal disposal of the waste either on roads or in public places. Under the WDO, it is an offence to dispose of waste in a public place or on government land. First-time offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment.