

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 (September 16) 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. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Labour Department launches special enforcement operation to ensure work safety

The Labour Department (LD) today (September 16) commenced a two-week special enforcement operation that targets construction sites of new works, with the aim of curbing unsafe work activities and ensuring the work safety of workers.

In view of the recent work accidents at construction sites, during the special enforcement operation, the LD will pay special attention to those high-risk construction sites and processes (e.g. lifting operation, work-at-height activity and electrical work). If any violations of the occupational safety and health (OSH) legislation are detected, the LD will take stringent enforcement actions immediately, including issuing suspension notices and improvement notices as well as initiating prosecutions without prior warning.

Under the general duty provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, employers are obligated to provide safe working environments, plant and systems of work for their employees. Those who contravene the relevant legislation with serious circumstances can be prosecuted on indictment, which is subject to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for two years; or \$3 million and imprisonment for six months on summary conviction of other cases.

The LD reiterated that safeguarding the OSH of construction workers is the top priority of the LD. The LD will continue to conduct different enforcement operations from time to time, and rigorous enforcement actions will be taken for any violations of the OSH legislation.

Hong Kong Customs enhances electronic payment services

Hong Kong Customs enhances the payment functions of electronic payment terminals at entry and exit control points from today (September 16). The public and passengers can continue to make payments using cash, Octopus Card, EPS, and Faster Payment System (FPS), as well as through the newly-added Mainland e-wallets, including WeChat Pay, Alipay, or UnionPay.

Incoming passengers carrying dutiable commodities not entitled to or in excess of their exempt quantities should declare them to Customs officers stationed at the entry control point, and pay the duties. Otherwise, they may be prosecuted or fined.

For information regarding duty-free concessions for incoming passengers aged 18 and above for personal use, please refer to www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/passenger-clearance/duty-free-concessions/index.html.

For information on the duty rates for dutiable goods, please refer to www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/trade-facilitation/dutiable-commodities/types-and-duty-rates/index.html.

Police open fire in North Point

Police are investigating a Police open fire case in North Point last night (September 15).

About 9.19pm yesterday, Police received a report from a woman that her husband was assaulting her and her mother-in-law in a residential unit on Kam Ping Street. Police officers sped to the scene and located the man, who was holding a chopper and a pair of scissors, along with the 41-year-old informant and her 68-year-old mother-in-law.

Police officers attempted to persuade the man to disarm himself but he suddenly lost control of emotions and attempted to attack one of the police officers with the weapons in his hands. Facing threats to life, the male police officer gave multiple verbal warnings to the man but in vain and subsequently fired a shot at him.

Sustaining shot wound to his chest, the 38-year-old man was sent to

Ruttonjee Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 10.39pm yesterday; the informant was not injured, while her mother-in-law sustained injuries to her left hand and head. They were sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in conscious state.

Investigations by the Regional Crime Unit of Hong Kong Island are under way. Anyone who has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 9886 0043.

Fatal traffic accident in Lantau South

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident happened in Lantau South this afternoon (September 15) in which a woman died.

At around 3pm, a 31-year-old mainland woman was riding a bicycle along Keung Shan Road towards Tai O. When riding downslope, she reportedly lost her balance and fell at a bend, subsequently being run over by a coach driven by a 59-year-old man travelling in the opposite direction.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the woman was certified dead at scene.

The driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1346.