

CE congratulates Hong Kong boccia team on winning medals at Paris Paralympics

Hong Kong athletes at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games brought good news again to the city today (September 5, Paris Time). Tse Tak-wah and Ho Yuen-kei won the gold medal in the Boccia Mixed Pairs BC3 event, while Leung Yuk-wing and Cheung Yuen won the silver medal in the Boccia Mixed Pairs BC4 event. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the athletes and their coaches.

"The four athletes performed at their best and showed superb skills with team spirit in the competitions. Among them, Leung Yuk-wing, who represents Hong Kong, China to participate in Paralympics for the sixth time, won a medal again. His achievements are remarkable.

"All Hong Kong people and I are proud of the outstanding performance and professionalism of the four athletes. I call on members of the public to continue to follow the latest updates about the delegation and support Hong Kong athletes," Mr Lee said.

The Hong Kong, China Delegation has so far won three gold medals, four silver medals and one bronze medal at this year's Paralympic Games.

Typhoon Yagi situation report (3)

The Hong Kong Observatory issued No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal at 6.20pm yesterday (September 5).

The Home Affairs Department has so far opened 30 temporary shelters in various districts and 254 people have sought refuge at the shelters.

As at 2am today (September 6), the Fire Services Department, the Government's 1823 Call Centre and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department received 24 reports, seven reports and one report of fallen trees respectively. No report of landslide or flooding has been received so far.

According to the Hospital Authority, as at 2am today, three people, including two men and one woman, sought medical treatment at the Accident and Emergency Departments at public hospitals during the typhoon period.

Employers, contractors and employees should be aware of electrical safety at work during rainstorm

As the rainstorm warning has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and contractors that they should adopt necessary work arrangements and take suitable safety measures to protect the safety of their employees when they are carrying out electrical work or handling electrical plant.

A spokesman for the LD said today (September 6) that employers and contractors should avoid assigning employees to carry out electrical work (like electric arc welding work) or handle electrical plant at places affected by rainstorms, and should refer to the "Code of Practice in Times of Adverse Weather and 'Extreme Conditions'" and the "Guide on Safety at Work in times of Inclement Weather" issued by the LD.

Even if electrical work is carried out or electrical plant is handled at places not affected by the rainstorm, suitable safety measures must still be adopted to prevent electric shock as the air would be more humid. Such measures include:

- (i) Ensure that all live parts of an electrical installation are isolated from the power supply source and rendered dead, and the isolation from the power supply source must be maintained as long as electrical work is being carried out;
- (ii) Before carrying out any electrical work or handling any electrical plant, cut off and lock out the power supply source, then test the circuit concerned to confirm it is dead and display suitable warning notices, and issue a work permit thereafter;
- (iii) Ensure that protective devices (such as suitable and adequate fuses and circuit breakers) for the electrical installations or electrical plant have been installed and maintained in good working order, and portable electric tools must be double-insulated or properly earthed;
- (iv) Provide suitable personal protective equipment such as insulating gloves and insulating mats for employees; and
- (v) If live electrical work is unavoidable, a comprehensive risk assessment should be conducted by a competent person and the appropriate safety precautions should be taken to remove or properly control the electrical hazards involved before such work can proceed.

In addition, employees should co-operate with the employer or contractor to follow the safety instructions and use the safety equipment provided.

The LD has published guidebooks and leaflets on electrical work safety.

These safety publications are available free from divisional offices of the department or can be downloaded from its website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_8.htm).

Should there be any questions about occupational safety and health matters, please contact the Occupational Safety Officer of the LD at 2559 2297.

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Public urged to report flooding

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Members of the public are advised to report any street flooding that comes to their notice to the Drainage Services Department by calling the 24-hour drainage hotline on 2300 1110.