<u>Temporary suspension of LCSD's Mobile</u> <u>Library 1 and 10 services</u>

Mobile Libraries 1 and 10 will suspend services during designated periods in August for routine maintenance, a spokesman for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 12).

Mobile Library 10 will suspend services from August 19 to 23. The affected service points are Tsing Tin Playground in Tuen Mun, Ching Ho Estate in Sheung Shui, Cheung Wang Estate in Tsing Yi, Tin Yuet Estate in Tin Shui Wai, and Hung Shui Kiu in Yuen Long. For enquiries about Mobile Library 10 services, please call 2450 1857.

Mobile Library 1 will suspend services from August 26 to 31. The affected service points are Whampoa Garden in Hung Hom, Riviera Gardens in Tsuen Wan, Park Island in Ma Wan, Ko Yee Estate in Yau Tong, Kai Ching Estate in Kowloon City, and Tsui Chuk Garden in Wong Tai Sin. For enquiries about Mobile Library 1 services, please call 2414 3157.

Readers are welcome to use other public libraries during the service suspension periods. They may also renew library materials by telephoning 2698 0002 or 2827 2833, or via www.hkpl.gov.hk.

SLW to visit Hangzhou

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, will depart for Hangzhou tomorrow morning (August 13).

While in Hangzhou, Mr Sun will join a number of activities of a Mainland study tour under the Strive and Rise Programme, including a visit to Zhejiang University and the tour-closing dinner. He will visit local enterprises and an elderly care service centre, and meet with relevant local officials. The Director of Hong Kong Talent Engage, Mr Anthony Lau, will also join the visit.

Mr Sun will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on August 15. In his absence, the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Ho Kai-ming, will be the Acting Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

<u>Fraudulent website and social media</u> page related to DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited relating to a fraudulent website and a social media page, which have been reported to the HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the <u>HKMA website</u>.

The HKMA wishes to remind the public that banks will not send SMS or emails with embedded hyperlinks which direct them to the banks' websites to carry out transactions. They will not ask customers for sensitive personal information, such as login passwords or one-time password, by phone, email or SMS (including via embedded hyperlinks).

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the website or social media page concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 12) that due to inclement weather, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Government announces appointments to Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme

The Government announced today (August 12) the appointments to the Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme.

To promote the development of the local artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem, the Government has allocated \$3 billion for the launch of a three-year AI Subsidy Scheme to support local universities, research institutes, enterprises and more in leveraging the computing power of Cyberport's AI Supercomputing Centre (AISC). The subsidy will also be used to strengthen the cybersecurity and data protection of the AISC, and organise promotional and educational activities to attract Mainland and overseas AI experts, enterprises and research and development projects to come to Hong Kong.

The Committee will advise on the general directions, administration and mode of operation of the AI Subsidy Scheme, and vet eligible applications for the AISC computing power subsidies, including the specific amount, duration and conditions of use.

The Committee is appointed by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry. It comprises members from the information technology, AI, public administration, industry and commercial sectors. The term of appointment is three years starting from August 15, 2024. The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairperson

Mr Hendrick Sin

Non-official members

Mr Ricky Chan Wai-chung

Ms Carmen Kan Wai-mun

Mr Victor Lam Wai-kiu

Professor Liu Yun-hui

Dr Wong Chung-kiu

Dr Yang Qiang

Official member

Commissioner for Digital Policy or his/her representative

Cyberport is establishing the AISC at full speed, with a view to commencing operation of the first-phase facility within this year. Cyberport will announce the details of application for the AI Subsidy Scheme in due

course.