

LD reminds employers and employees to take heat stroke preventive measures in times of Heat Stress at Work Warning

As the Heat Stress at Work Warning is now in effect, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate measures during the effective period of the warning to prevent heat stroke when working in hot weather or hot environments.

Employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor environments face high levels of heat stress and are at a relatively higher risk of heat stroke. Employers should assess the risk factors of heat stress for employees at work and, based on the identified risk factors, take necessary preventive and control measures, including rescheduling work periods, setting up shading covers, providing ventilation and heat dissipation equipment, and reminding employees to replenish water and rest in a timely manner.

The Heat Stress at Work Warning is formulated by the LD based on the Hong Kong Heat Index. There are three levels of the warning: Amber, Red and Black, which help employers and employees better understand the level of heat stress while working outdoors or indoors without air-conditioning systems.

A spokesman for the LD said that when the department issues the Heat Stress at Work Warning, employers must refer to the criteria and recommendations provided in the "[Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work](#)" to conduct risk assessments, according to the workloads and other relevant heat stress risk factors, for employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor workplaces. Appropriate rest breaks should be arranged every hour, as far as reasonably practicable, based on various levels of the Heat Stress at Work Warning, to reduce employees' risk of heat stroke.

Employees must also follow instructions to rest on time. Whenever there are any symptoms of heat-related illnesses, such as headache, dizziness, thirst, and nausea, they should rest in a cool and shady place, drink water, and inform employers/supervisors to take appropriate action immediately.

The LD issued the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work", detailing the various risk factors that should be considered when conducting heat stress risk assessments and recommending corresponding control measures for identified risk factors for employers' and employees' reference. For the Heat Stress at Work Warning and related guidelines, please refer to the department's thematic webpage:

www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention_of_heat_stroke_at_work.htm.

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (August 6) to consider two applications for new issue and renewal of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

Emperor Cinemas Plus in Wong Chuk Hang

New Territories:

Victoria in Tuen Mun

The board will also consider revocation of the liquor licence of Sushi Kaoru in Kowloon City.

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Suspected red tide sighted at Pui O Beach

Attention TV and 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 4) that due to the sighting of a suspected red tide, the red flag has been hoisted at Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.

[Interns broaden global perspective](#)

The United Nations (UN) Volunteers – Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme funds local undergraduates to undertake six-month placements in UN agencies, with around 130 students having taken part to date.

News.gov.hk spoke to a volunteer who joined the programme last year, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Agency for Volunteer Service to find out how the programme helps enhance career prospects and supports youth development.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature/ today (August 4) in text and video format.

[Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival dazzles New York \(with photos\)](#)

This morning (August 3, New York time), the rhythmic drumbeats and splashing paddles signified the start of the annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York at Meadow Lake, in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, promising a weekend filled with excitement and festivities.

Founded and sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York (HKETONY) since 1990, the festival is the largest multicultural event in New York and among the largest dragon boat festivals in the United States.

The festival has been well acclaimed in New York for promoting not only athletic spirit but also cultural exchanges. On August 2, one day prior to the festival, the festival's organising committee was invited to ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. Earlier, a dragon boat "awakening ceremony" was held at the world-famous Times Square on July 11, drawing major media and public attention.

At today's opening ceremony, the Director of HKETONY, Ms Maisie Ho, introduced the origins of modern dragon boat racing in Hong Kong, and expressed pride in being part of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York.

"The festival has truly become recognised and cherished by New Yorkers.

It embodies strength, speed, endurance, and teamwork while promoting inclusivity and cultural exchanges," she said.

Ms Ho also highlighted this year's special addition, "Hong Kong Food Street," offering New Yorkers a taste of Hong Kong's culinary delights, including curry fishballs, steamed rice rolls, egg tarts, bubble waffles and Hong Kong-style milk tea.

The opening ceremony was attended by, among others, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York, Mr Huang Ping; the Commissioner of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Ms Sue Donoghue and the Borough President of Queens, Mr Donovan Richards and other dignitaries.

With close to 200 teams from corporations, non-profit organisations and New York City government departments, and over 1 500 paddlers competing for top honours, the festival is set to draw over 30 000 spectators over the two days. In addition to the thrilling races, the festival features a diverse land programme, including dragon dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, music acts, and arts and crafts workshops.



