

## Red flag hoisted at Pui O 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 (July 30) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## Commissioner of Customs and Excise pays courtesy visit to Director- General of Lao Customs Department (with photos)

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, yesterday (July 29) paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of Lao Customs Department, Mr Phoukhaokham Vannavongxay, in Vientiane, Laos, and was invited to attend a luncheon to exchange views on reinforcing communications and enhancing co-operation.

During the meeting, the two discussed co-operation in various customs areas, including combating smuggling activities, exchanging intelligence and information, and capacity building, for establishing a closer partnership between the two Customs authorities.

Ms Ho also mentioned that Hong Kong Customs has officially assumed the role of Vice-Chairperson for the Asia/Pacific (A/P) region of the World Customs Organization for a two-year term starting this month. Ms Ho expressed the hope that the strengthened collaboration with the Lao Customs Department would further promote the regional development agenda. Hong Kong Customs will organise various regional activities for members of the A/P region, including conferences, seminars, and specialised workshops on issues of concern. She also took the opportunity to invite the Lao Customs Department to participate in these relevant activities in the future.

On the same day, witnessed by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos, Mr Saleumxay Kommasith, Ms Ho also exchanged a Customs Co-operative Arrangement with Mr Vannavongxay for deepening intelligence exchanges and information sharing,

cracking down on cross-boundary crimes with joint forces, and facilitating trade.



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## [ExCo Non-official Members congratulate Cheung Ka-long on winning Olympic gold medal for Hong Kong](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Executive Council Secretariat:

Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Non-official Members) today (July 30) extended their warmest congratulations to Hong Kong fencer Cheung Ka-long for winning the gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. They also expressed their heartfelt gratitude to his coach and the fencing team.

The Convenor of ExCo Non-official Members, Mrs Regina Ip, said, "Cheung

Ka-long stayed calm and determined during the match. With his outstanding skills, great perseverance and determination, he once again demonstrated the capability of Hong Kong athletes and grabbed the gold medal at the Olympic Games after making history for Hong Kong's fencing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. His achievement has made all Hong Kong people proud."

ExCo Non-official Members hope that the Hong Kong, China Delegation will continue to unleash their potential and achieve outstanding results in the various events.

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## SCST congratulates Cheung Ka-long on winning gold medal at Paris Olympics

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (July 29, Paris Time) congratulated Hong Kong fencing athlete Cheung Ka-long on winning a gold medal in Men's Foil Individual event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

Mr Yeung said in Paris, "With his exceptional performance, Cheung Ka-long displayed the demeanour of a Hong Kong athlete in the Olympic Games. Same as other Hong Kong citizens, I am thrilled and proud that Cheung Ka-long went from strength to strength in this competition of highest level and defended the title. He deserves our applause for winning gold medals in two consecutive Olympic Games. I am very excited for witnessing the Hong Kong, China Delegation claiming a gold medal in Paris once again."

The Hong Kong, China Delegation has so far won three medals, the details are as follows:

### Gold medal

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Fencing: Women's Épée Individual event  
Vivian Kong

Fencing: Men's Foil Individual event  
Cheung Ka-long

### Bronze medal

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Swimming: Women's 200m Freestyle  
Siobhan Bernadette Haughey

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# CE congratulates Cheung Ka-long on winning gold medal at Paris Olympics

â€‹Hong Kong fencing athlete Cheung Ka-long today (July 29, Paris time) won the gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. This is the second gold medal won by the Hong Kong, China Delegation at these Olympic Games. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Cheung and his coach.

"Cheung Ka-long demonstrated his excellence, persevered, and gave full play to his skills in the competitions. After making history for the Hong Kong fencing team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, he has once again achieved a brilliant result with his great performance, winning a well-deserved gold medal at the Paris Olympic Games. His outstanding achievements are heartening and have become a source of pride for the people of Hong Kong," Mr Lee said.

Cheung has achieved outstanding results in recent years. He won the gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual event at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou. He also won the gold medal in the same event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.