

# **Health Bureau releases HK's Domestic Health Accounts 2022/23**

The Health Bureau (HHB) released the Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts (DHA) 2022/23 today (July 23). Updated annually, the DHA provides a systematic description of the flow of health expenditure in Hong Kong over a 12-month period, forming a basis for assessing and understanding the levels and trends of health spending in Hong Kong.

The DHA is compiled in accordance with the guidelines given in "A System of Health Accounts 2011" collaboratively published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Eurostat which is the statistical office of the European Union, and the World Health Organization. It classifies the overall health expenditure into four dimensions of analysis, namely Health Care Financing Schemes (HFS), Revenues of HFS, Health Care Providers and Health Care Functions.

The DHA shows the amount of funds provided by major sources (such as government, private organisations, and households), and the type of services for which these funds are used (such as inpatient and outpatient care, dental services, and medical goods) and the institutional entities providing the services (such as hospitals, outpatient clinics, and pharmacies). These data enable policymakers, researchers and the public to assess the performance of the local health system over time and to evaluate health policies. The data can also be utilised to make comparison with other economies that adopt the same framework in calculating their health expenditure.

The DHA 2022/23 has now been uploaded to the HHB website ([www.healthbureau.gov.hk/statistics/en/dha.htm](http://www.healthbureau.gov.hk/statistics/en/dha.htm)). Its time-series data are shown in an online interactive data dashboard with tables and graphs available to facilitate further analysis and research.

To reflect the increasing government health-related programmes with services provided to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong, the coverage of the DHA has been widened to include government subvention to these health-related programmes, e.g. those in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. In addition, the DHA dashboard provides an option for readers to view the data with or without COVID-19 expenditure between 2019/20 and 2022/23, thus facilitating time-series analysis.

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## **EPD convictions in June**

Thirty-seven convictions were recorded in June 2024 for breaches of

legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department.

Three of the convictions were under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, 17 were under the Noise Control Ordinance, four were under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, and 13 were under the Waste Disposal Ordinance.

A company was fined \$25,000, which was the heaviest fine in June, for exporting controlled waste without a permit.

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## **Suspected red tide sighted at Repulse Bay 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 (July 23) that due to the sighting of a suspected red tide, the red flag has been hoisted at Repulse Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.

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## **Red flag lowered at Stanley Main Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

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

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (July 23) that the red flag at Stanley Main Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island, has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted earlier due to big waves.

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# Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions for 2024/25 academic year enters admission stage

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (July 23) reminded students who have completed their online application and verification for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) that they should log on to the designated website from July 23 to August 4 to check their admission results, as well as submitting and checking supplementary enrolment results.

The students concerned should log on to the admission system of the Admission Scheme under the website of the Education Examinations Authority of Guangdong Province ([eea.gd.gov.cn](http://eea.gd.gov.cn)) (Chinese version only) to check admission results. Institutions will release first-round admission results in batches in order of priority as follows:

First priority admission results – 3pm on July 23 (Tuesday) onwards  
Second priority admission results – 5pm on July 26 (Friday) onwards  
Third priority admission results – 9am on July 29 (Monday) onwards  
Fourth priority admission results – 9am on July 30 (Tuesday) onwards

Students who meet the minimum entrance requirements (i.e. Level 3 or above for Chinese Language and English Language, Level 2 or above for Mathematics and "Attained" in Citizenship and Social Development in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination) but are not admitted in the first round can complete their online supplementary enrolment through the admission system from 4pm on July 30 (Tuesday) to 4pm on August 1 (Thursday). During the supplementary enrolment stage, students can choose two institutions. Institutions will announce the results of the supplementary enrolment in batches in order of priority as follows:

First priority supplementary enrolment results – 11am on August 3 (Saturday) onwards  
Second priority supplementary enrolment results – 11am on August 4 (Sunday) onwards

Students who have been admitted during the first round or supplementary enrolment stage will receive an acceptance letter from their respective institutions by post or electronically in due course. Students may contact the institutions directly if necessary. Contact information of the student admission offices of institutions can be found in the Programme Directory of the Admission Scheme for the 2024/25 academic year (Chinese version only) on the EDB's website ([edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme](http://edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme)).