

Dutch entrepreneurs and European business leaders share insights on “Green Future of Hong Kong” (with photos)

The Netherlands Hong Kong Business Association, supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels and Invest Hong Kong, organised the annual summer event themed the "Green Future of Hong Kong" on July 4 (Amsterdam time) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

In this summer event, topics of energy transition, logistics and sustainable initiatives were discussed among industry leaders from the Dutch and European business communities to learn the latest trends in approaching these global challenges, and how Hong Kong can contribute towards building a resilient and sustainable international economy.

The Special Representative for Hong Kong Economic and Trade Affairs to the European Union, Ms Shirley Yung, shared in her speech about Hong Kong's green commitments, in particular for the logistics industry. Among other initiatives, Hong Kong has set out concrete measures to spearhead the use of new energy transport, support the use of sustainable aviation fuel by aircraft and clean energy by ocean-going vessels, provide maritime green-fuel bunkering, and incentivise Hong Kong-registered ships to decarbonise. Hong Kong does not only facilitate the transformation of its logistics industry towards zero emissions, but also promotes smart initiatives and digitalisation in the logistics industry. Furthermore, Hong Kong is promoting green finance with technology to help green projects and companies worldwide to acquire necessary capital faster and easier, in a way making a contribution to sustainability.

"Hong Kong will continue to capitalise on our role as a logistics, financial and innovation centre, and join hands with our global partners in contributing to the green transformation", Ms Yung highlighted. She concluded by saying that Hong Kong is Asia's hub for business and talent, and encouraged Dutch and European businesses to keep using Hong Kong as the prime gateway to connect with China, Asia and the rest of the world.

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Now, allow me to highlight briefly my key messages in English.

Students, over the past six years, you've faced numerous challenges – the social unrest, the pandemic, and the struggle to catch up with academic work. Now, you stand at a crossroads as the release of public exam results is near.

Let us remember that grades do not dictate your future. More crucial is your attitude towards life and your perspective on success and failure.

Life is full of uncertainties. And obstacles, too. And it is essential to maintain a flexible mindset and think of alternatives for yourself. There is always a choice.

Moving forward, pursue what excites and interests you. Whether it's learning new languages, sports, or other hobbies, your passion will help you overcome obstacles and bring fulfillment. Life-long learning is a must and will help you realise a fulfilling life.

And embrace technology and innovation, like AI, to broaden your horizon and enhance your skills. The future is full of possibilities, and your openness to innovation and eagerness to learn will be key to your success.

For parents, I think we all agree that time flies. Once we had hoped that our children would grow up faster, but now maybe we missed the old days when they were just little kids. Now it is time to let go, to let them make their own decisions and enjoy their journey. As parents, what we can do – and should do – is to provide them with support, love, and care.

Graduating students, cherish the fond memories of your campus life, and the companionship of teachers, schoolmates, and good friends. I'm sure you will be proud of your school and the experiences that have shaped you.

Thank you very much.



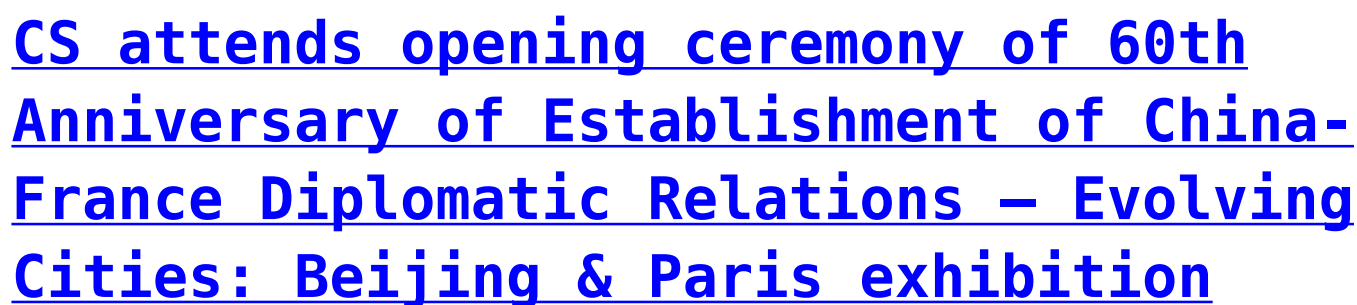
Appeal for information on missing man in Ngau Tau Kok (with photo)

Police today (July 6) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok.

Nguyen Duc-hung, a foreign man aged 63, went missing after he was last seen at Choi Hay House, Choi Fook Estate on July 4 morning. His family made a report to Police on the next day (July 5).

He is about 1.5 metres tall, 60 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a pair of purple-rimmed glasses, a grey polo shirt, black trousers, black sneakers and carrying a grey rucksack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0331 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



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quick understanding of how China and France developed a comprehensive strategic partnership in the past 60 years.

With diplomacy being an important part of a country's development, Hong Kong people can also deepen their knowledge of the motherland's history and, in turn, strengthen their sense of national identity.

No less important, the partnership between China and France provides valuable insight for the exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong and France. I have every confidence that the two economies can forge closer ties in trade, culture, and much more, in the spirit of mutual understanding and mutual benefit likewise.

On that note, I wish this exhibition a big success and all of you the best of health, and business, in the year to come. Thank you.

HAD opens temporary heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will continue to open 19 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (July 6).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

Central and Western –
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –
Lei Tung Community Hall
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –

Wan Chai Activities Centre

LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –

Hung Hom Community Hall

1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices

42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre

71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –

Shek Kip Mei Community Hall

G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre

45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –

Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre

60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands –

Tung Chung Community Hall

G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –

Kwai Shing Community Hall

Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –

Cheung Wah Community Hall

Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –

Hang Hau Community Hall

G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau,
Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre

Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –

Tai Po Community Centre

2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall

G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –

Butterfly Bay Community Centre

Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –

Long Ping Community Hall

Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –

Tin Yiu Community Centre

Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, please browse the following document:

www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf.