

Government welcomes appointment of new Chief Executive of Consumer Council

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, today (June 19) welcomed the appointment of Ms Alaina Shum Jiu-fai as the Chief Executive of the Consumer Council with effect from August 21, 2025.

The Consumer Council has completed the open recruitment and selection process for the post of Chief Executive and has just announced the appointment arrangements.

Mr Yau said, "With her extensive management experience in public organisations, Ms Shum is well placed to lead the Consumer Council. She is currently the Deputy Executive Director of the Vocational Training Council, responsible for the strategic development work on the Mainland and overseas, and the promotion of collaboration among various stakeholders. I hope that the Consumer Council, under Ms Shum's leadership, will continue to join hands with various sectors to further enhance the protection of consumer rights and interests."

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 (June 19) 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.

State Council Mr Xia Baolong arrives in Hong Kong to attend 5th Anniversary

of Promulgation & Implementation of Hong Kong National Security Law Forum

â€‹The Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Xia Baolong, arrived in Hong Kong this evening (June 18). He will attend the 5th Anniversary of Promulgation & Implementation of Hong Kong National Security Law Forum organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government this Saturday (June 21). He will also take the opportunity to inspect the latest economic and social developments of Hong Kong.

Upon arrival in Hong Kong, Mr Xia went to Government House to meet with the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, and the heads of the executive authorities, the legislature and the judiciary, and had exchanges with senior officials of the HKSAR Government. Mr Lee expressed gratitude to Mr Xia for his continued concern and support for Hong Kong. He also extended his warmest welcome to Mr Xia on his visit to Hong Kong for the forum and inspection.

SCST visits Shanghai (with photos)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Miss Rosanna Law, visited Shanghai today (June 18). In the morning, she went to the Shanghai Museum on People's Square and was given a guided tour of a well-received exhibition, "On Top of the Pyramid: The Civilization of Ancient Egypt". During her visit, Miss Law met with Deputy Director of the Shanghai Museum Mr Huang He. She thanked the Shanghai Museum for its support of Hong Kong over the years, while Mr Huang shared experiences in developing and designing creative products. Miss Law said Hong Kong could learn a lot from the Shanghai Museum in developing cultural and creative industries. Miss Law expressed hope that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) and the Shanghai Museum will strengthen their cultural co-operation in the future, contributing cultural content to the country's modernisation and promoting cultural prosperity.

After that, Miss Law called on the Director of the Shanghai Administration of Sports, Mr Xu Bin, and had a working lunch together, during which she shared with him Hong Kong's progress and achievements in promoting sports development. Mr Xu said there is huge room for developing culture, sports and tourism, while sports exchanges serve as a bridge between the two places and can also boost economic and social developments. Miss Law said that Hong Kong, China athletes achieved excellent results in international competitions in recent years, which helps lift citizens' interests in sports

and support for athletes. Miss Law added that Hong Kong is preparing at full steam for the 15th National Games and the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games to be cohosted with Guangdong and Macao this November and December. Through today's exchange, Miss Law said she hopes to learn from Shanghai's experiences in hosting same events and further improve the preparatory work.

In the afternoon, Miss Law visited the Memorial Hall of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China and met with the Secretary of the Party Committee and Director of the Memorial, Mr Xue Feng. The Memorial is the site of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) held in 1921, in which the founding of the CPC was announced, bearing great significance. Noting that the HKSARG is setting up a museum to introduce the country's developments and achievements and preparing exhibitions related to the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Anti-Japanese War, Miss Law said the visit was arranged intentionally to seek guidance, with an aim to make better preparations for the relevant projects in the future.

In the evening, Miss Law attended the opening ceremony and dinner of WestK Shanghai Week 2025. Speaking at the event, she said that Hong Kong and Shanghai are connected by blood and share common traits, as they are both exemplars of the fusion of Eastern and Western cultures and dazzling Pearls of the Orient. The two places actively deepen international exchanges and co-operations in areas of economy, culture and globalisation, serving as pioneers in the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Miss Law also said, "The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) is an important cultural infrastructure investment of the HKSARG. After many years of development, the WKCD has transformed from a blueprint into reality today and become one of the largest cultural hubs in the world, featuring performing arts venues with our country's staunch support. The Hong Kong Palace Museum, which opened in 2022, and the M+ museum, which commenced operation in 2021, have become world-class museums blending traditional and contemporary arts and cultures."

"The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKDA) kick-started WestK Shanghai Week today. It is the first time a series of exhibitions and performing arts programmes and cultural exchange activities have been brought outside Hong Kong. It is not only an important milestone of the HKSARG driving top-notch arts, cultural and creative programmes to go global, but also showcases Hong Kong's diverse arts achievements and further attracts local and overseas visitors to experience Hong Kong's vibrancy and appeal firsthand," Miss Law added.

Supporting organisations of WestK Shanghai Week 2025 include the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the HKSARG, and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai of the HKSARG.

This morning, Miss Law visited the "WestK x MANNER" limited-edition art collaboration themed store, jointly rolled out by the WKCD and Shanghai's beloved coffee brand MANNER COFFEE. The store invited Hong Kong's renowned illustrator Don Mak to craft exclusive designs inspired by the Victoria Harbour skyline, WKCD panoramas and iconic Hong Kong urban motifs, demonstrating the creative charm of integrating culture, creative industry and tourism.

Upon arrival yesterday (June 17), Miss Law had a working lunch with representatives of the management of Shanghai Shendi Group to exchange information on the latest tourism situation in Shanghai and Hong Kong. She also visited the Shanghai Disney Resort to learn about its operation and development. Miss Law said that the Shanghai Disney Resort and the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort are iconic attractions in the two places, which play vital roles in driving regional tourism and economic development.

Miss Law will depart from Shanghai for Hong Kong tonight.





Government's response to temporary stay granted by Court about decision

to remove Aggressive Construction Company Limited from register

In response to the grant by the Court of First Instance of the High Court today (June 18) of an interim-interim stay of execution of the Building Authority's (BA) decision to remove the Aggressive Construction Company Limited (ACCL) from the register of general building contractors, the Development Bureau (DEVB) said that to consider further steps, the Buildings Department (BD), in its capacity as the BA, would study the written judgment to be handed down by the Court shortly together with its legal team. Meanwhile, the BD will prepare for the appeal hearing with full effort.

The BA refused the registration renewal application of ACCL on May 22, 2025 and decided to remove its name from the register of general building contractors on June 20. ACCL has appealed against the decision and applied for a stay of execution of the decision. The Court of First Instance of the High Court today granted an interim-interim stay of execution of the decision. The hearing of the appeal and application for stay of execution is tentatively scheduled for August 26 and 27.

The spokesman for the DEVB said, "As the Court has granted an interim-interim stay of execution of the decision, ACCL will not be removed from the register of general building contractors on June 20. During the period pending further hearings, if there are still construction activities on the project sites undertaken by ACCL, the project owners concerned will act in accordance with the contracts and continue to monitor the construction sites and the performance of the contractor. If the contractor's performance fails to meet the contractual requirements, the project owners will handle the matter in accordance with the contract and reserve the right to take follow-up actions. The BD and project owners will also step up monitoring and surprise inspections to safeguard site safety. In fact, since the performance of ACCL in respect of the public works project of the Chai Wan Government Complex was far below the contractual requirements, the Government as the project owner has terminated the contract in accordance with the contractual mechanism and taken over the construction site on June 15. The Government will endeavour to arrange in the near term for a new contractor to take over and finish the remaining works."