Red fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

The fire danger situation today (March 18) is red and fire risk is extreme. The countryside is extremely vulnerable to fire. If you are planning to spend the day in the countryside, please take pre-cooked food for a picnic and take all measures to prevent hill fires. The penalty for lighting fires illegally in the countryside is \$25,000 and a year's imprisonment.

SHYA expresses sorrow over passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, today (March 17) expressed great sorrow and regret over the passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee and offered deepest condolences to his family.

Miss Mak said "Dr Lee had spared no effort in youth development. In particular, the Lee Shau Kee Foundation supported the Government's Youth Hostel Scheme and donated land in Yuen Long to Po Leung Kuk. The Po Leung Kuk Lee Shau Kee Youth Oasis is currently the largest project under the Youth Hostel Scheme, and the construction cost was fully funded by the Government."

"We are grateful for Dr Lee's significant contributions."

<u>SDEV expresses condolences over</u> <u>passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee</u>

The Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, today (March 17) expresses condolences over the passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee.

Ms Linn said, "Dr Lee was an outstanding entrepreneur who had led Henderson Land Group in making significant contributions to Hong Kong's land and housing development. In addition to making remarkable achievements in the business field, Dr Lee was committed to promoting corporate social responsibility and actively engaged in philanthropic endeavours. I extend my deepest condolences to Dr Lee's family."

SED mourns passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, today (March 17) expressed sorrow over the passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee and deep condolences to his family.

Dr Choi said, "Over the past decades, Dr Lee had exhibited extensive generosity in setting up the Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation and the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, donating to various tertiary institutions, and secondary and primary schools in Hong Kong and Mainland China for campus expansion, facility improvements, and the establishment of various scholarships that have benefited numerous students. The education sector is deeply inspired by Dr Lee's commitment to the country, his passion for education and dedication to nurturing outstanding talent."

Dr Choi firmly believed that the philanthropist, who had made enormous contributions to the community, will be remembered fondly by Hong Kong people.

S for Housing expressed condolences over passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee

â€<The Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho, today (March 17) expressed her condolences on the passing of Dr Lee Shau-kee and extended her sympathies to his family.

Ms Ho said, "Dr Lee was an outstanding entrepreneur, highly respected by the community, and a deeply revered philanthropist. We are grateful to Henderson Land Development for actively supporting the Government's transitional housing programme by providing land and short-term vacant units in urban areas and the New Territories, helping to alleviate the housing pressures faced by those living in poor conditions and those with urgent housing needs."

"I express my deepest condolences on the passing of Dr Lee and extend my sympathies to his family."