

Red flags hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and 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 24) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (June 24) will be cancelled.

If the thunderstorm warning is cancelled and weather conditions permit by then, the flag-raising ceremony may be resumed without further notice.

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (June 24). They are, on Hong Kong Island, World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong; in Kowloon, Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited; and in the New Territories, Hong Kong ABWE Social Services, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Arrangements have been made with the charities to help people to distinguish among the three flag-selling activities.

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on June 24 is as follows:

Region	Name of organisation	Colour of collection bag	Colour of flag
Hong Kong Island	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	Blue	White
Kowloon	Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	Orange	Beige
New Territories	Hong Kong ABWE Social Services	Orange	Pink

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permits have been published on the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flag-selling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_flagdays) for reference. For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678.

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

[FEHD spokesman responds to media enquiries](#)

In response to media enquiries about suspected illegal operation of undertaker business by a shop in Fortress Hill, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) responded the following today (June 23):

According to record, from May this year until now, the FEHD has not received any applications for undertaker's licence from the related shop.

According to section 92AB of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), no person shall conduct in any trade or business of undertaking duties in connected with burials except under and in accordance with a licence issued by the Authority. According to the Undertakers of Burials Regulation (Cap. 132CB), "undertaker of burials" means a person whose trade or business it is to undertake all or any duties connected with the burial of human cadavers and includes a funeral director.

On June 21, the staff of FEHD contacted the person in charge of the shop

according to the telephone number displayed outside the shop, and invited him to assist in investigations. The FEHD is following up on the case and collecting evidence to determine whether anyone is operating a business of undertaker of burials without a licence. The department will take stringent enforcement actions against any irregularities.

Green Technology and Finance Development Committee established and convenes first meeting

The Green Technology and Finance Development Committee was established and convened its first meeting today (June 23) under the chairmanship of the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan.

At the meeting today, the Committee learnt about the Government's goals and strategies for achieving carbon neutrality and the work by relevant policy bureaux and financial regulators in driving the development of green technology and finance. Members also discussed and shared views on further promoting development in these areas.

Mr Chan said, "Embracing green transformation and achieving carbon neutrality are common goals actively pursued by our country and other countries in the world, and Hong Kong's goals and strategies in promoting green development are very clear. In terms of green finance, we are already leading in Asia. In addition to serving as a green fundraising centre in the region, we also contribute to setting green standards for the global market in various aspects. In terms of green technology, Hong Kong also has a number of outstanding enterprises and start-up companies, many of which have already expanded into overseas markets. In the future, Hong Kong will strengthen co-operation with its sister cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, robustly attract funds, technology, and talent from within the region and around the world, and channel funds to support green transformation within the region, in particular accelerating the development of the 'dual engine' of green technology and green finance, with a view to establishing a new industry chain.

"The Committee gathers leaders from finance, technology, academic, professional services sectors, etc, as well as representatives from the Government, financial regulators and public organisations, providing an important platform for discussing how to promote faster and greater development of green technology and green finance and to showcase Hong Kong's advantages in these areas to the world. Members provided a lot of valuable views in various aspects at today's meeting. I would like to express my gratitude to all members."

The Committee was set up pursuant to the Financial Secretary's announcement in the 2023-24 Budget to assist in the formation of an action agenda for promoting the development of Hong Kong into an international green technology and financial centre. Members of the Committee include representatives from relevant policy bureaux, departments and financial regulators, as well as 13 non-official members from the relevant industries. The term of the non-official members will take effect from today for two years and end on June 22, 2025.

The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairman

Financial Secretary

Non-official members (in alphabetical order of surnames)

Ms Clara Chan Yuen-shan
Dr Vincent Cheng Sai-yau
Mr Jonathan Drew
Ms Loretta Fong Wan-huen
Professor Alex Jen Kwan-yue
Dr George Lam
Ms Poman Lo
Dr Jun Ma
Mr Philip Ng Kim-lam
Mr Wang Hongbo
Dr Conrad Wong Tin-cheung
Miss Vriko Yu Pik-fan
Dr Martin Zhu Yihao

Official members

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Secretary for Environment and Ecology
Secretary for Housing
Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry
Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Logistics 1
Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office, Development Bureau
Chairman, Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development
Chief Executive Officer, Securities and Futures Commission
Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Authority
Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority
Group Head of Emerging Business & FIC, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited
Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation