

“Designated Webpage for Secondary 6 Students” to help students prepare for HKDSE Examination results release day

The results of the 2023 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination will be released on July 19. To assist Secondary Six (S6) students to prepare for the release of the HKDSE Examination results, the Education Bureau (EDB) has specially produced a series of reminder infographics for 2023 HKDSE Examination results release to enable S6 students, parents, and schools to obtain the latest information on multiple pathways through the "Designated Webpage for Secondary 6 Students" (Webpage) (www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en) in a timely manner.

Students can receive important messages about the HKDSE Examination results release day, as well as information of multiple pathways, counselling and support services on the "Information on HKDSE Exam Results Release 2023" section of the Webpage. Moreover, S6 students can input their predicted or actual HKDSE Examination results to the mobile application "e-Navigator" (enavigator.edb.hkedcity.net/main/index.php) to search for programmes from local institutions for which they meet the minimum entrance requirements to work out appropriate articulation plans of their own.

The Webpage has newly added the section "Reminders for 2023 HKDSE Exam Results Release" (334.edb.hkedcity.net/S6_webpage/en/infographic.php) this school year. Presented in vivid images and concise language, the Reminders enable S6 students to access the support measures for the HKDSE Examination results release easily, including useful information from the EDB, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), Joint University Programmes Admissions System Office, and other non-governmental organisations, so as to help them plan their future studies and career pathways. The Reminders have been uploaded to the Webpage by phases since May. Moreover, the EDB specially produced "Motivational Videos – HKDSE Examination Results Release" to encourage the candidates. The Motivational Videos will be released on the Webpage in mid-July to instil positive energy in S6 students.

The HKEAA has adopted a number of effective precautionary measures and contingency arrangements during the examination period to ensure the smooth completion of the 2023 HKDSE Examination. The EDB will continue to maintain close communication with schools and other stakeholders to help students plan for their future pathways. For the arrangements of the HKDSE Examination results release, schools are advised to refer to the latest announcements on the website of the HKEAA (www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/).

LD to hold Youth Recruitment Day@Youth Employment and Training Programme

The Labour Department (LD) will hold the Youth Recruitment Day@Youth Employment and Training Programme on June 1 for young school leavers aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree level or below.

The recruitment event will be held at Southorn Stadium. A total of 30 organisations from various industries including transport, hotels, banking, theme parks, public services, retail, catering and property management will join the recruitment event, providing over 2 000 full-time and part-time on-the-job training vacancies for young job seekers.

The job vacancies cover a wide variety of positions such as bank counter services officer trainee, aircraft maintenance mechanic trainee, barista, tea bartender, customer service officer, ride and attractions host, operations assistant, assistant clubhouse officer, etc. Most of the full-time vacancies offer monthly salaries from \$11,000 to \$18,000 and do not require relevant work experience from applicants. Job seekers aged 15 to 24 with education attainment at sub-degree level or below are welcome to submit applications on the spot. They may be invited for on-site interviews.

The LD will set up booths introducing the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP), including its workplace attachment, various special employment projects, on-the-job training vacancies of the LD, etc. Eligible applicants can join the YETP on-site. Various service providers will assist them to select and enrol in suitable training courses. They will also provide career consultation and offer advice on resume preparation for job seekers.

The recruitment event also features career talks on the prospects and characteristics of different industries. Hong Kong boxer Rex Tso and pop singer Kaho Hung will give talks to share their athletic and performing arts career stories respectively to encourage young people to pursue their career goals with perseverance and determination. The session will be conducted in Cantonese. Seats will be available on first-come, first-served basis.

The recruitment event will be held from 11am to 6pm at Southorn Stadium, 111 Johnston Road, Wan Chai. Admission is free. Last admission time is 5.30pm. For details, please visit the YETP's website at www.yes.labour.gov.hk.

Sichuan Opera Troupe to showcase different vocal styles and unique stunts of Sichuan opera at China Opera Festival 2023 (with photos)

The Sichuan Opera Troupe, upon the invitation of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will stage two iconic plays and a selection of brilliant excerpts for three consecutive nights starting from June 30 (Friday) at this year's Chinese Opera Festival (COF). The troupe's director and two-time recipient of the China Theatre Plum Blossom Award, Chen Zhilin, will lead Plum Blossom Award recipients Liu Yi and Zhang Yan, as well as National Class One and outstanding young performers, to visit Hong Kong and showcase their distinguished skills, allowing audiences to savour the vocal styles and unique stunts with the artistic flavour of the Sichuan region.

Originated during the Qing dynasty period, Sichuan opera is the most widespread regional theatrical form in the southwest region of China, and was inscribed onto the First National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2006. Sichuan opera has assimilated the artistic vocal styles of kunqiang, gaoqiang, huqin, tanxi and dengxi that blended with the vernacular features of the local dialect, featuring unique humour and wisdom that are highly enjoyable to audiences.

The first performance will stage the traditional play "The Legend of the White Snake". The role of White Snake is civil at first and later turns martial, whereas that of Green Snake is interpreted in the two different images of huadan (young female) and wusheng (military male) rotationally. The scenes also employ demanding stunts like swift face-changing, lifting, standing on shoulder and flicking of flowing sleeves. At the second performance, Chen Zhilin will star in the classic Sichuan opera "A Marriage as a Peace Pact", featuring the entire stock roles in a story filled with dramatic turns and distinct regional flavour. The play has been well-loved by audiences since its first performance in 1962. The final performance will be a selection of five excerpts performed in the unique gaoqiang and tanxi vocal styles of Sichuan opera. "Catching Sanlang Alive" highlights the unique Sichuan opera stunt of "lifting the dummy" as well as the stylised routines of the satin ribbon and the walk of the demon fox. "Waylaying the Horse", "Wu Song Killing His Sister-in-Law" and "The Injustice Done to Dou E" will show the stunt with the chairs, the flicking of flowing sleeves and the feats of "hair flip" and "stance fix". "Holding a Candle to Burn His Books" is an excerpt from the famous Sichuan opera play "The Scholar from Bashan", which showcases the singing skills of gaoqiang of the cast.

Details of the three performances are as follows:

Date and time: June 30 (Friday), 7.30pm

"The Legend of the White Snake"

Main cast: Liu Yi (former part) / Zhou Ting (latter part), Yang Kunhao, Xie Zhanghong, Liu Su, Li Jiajun, Yang Xu

Synopsis: Fairy White Snake is imprisoned in the white lotus pond by the Buddha because of her love for Arhat Guizhi. She struggles to free herself from the shackles and flees to the mortal world. With the help of Green Snake, she marries the banished Xu Xian (Arhat Guizhi reincarnated). At the order of the Buddha, Monk Fahai follows Xu to the mortal world and tries to break up the loving couple. White Snake shows her magical power furiously and flooded the Mount Jin. Together with Green Snake, the two fight bravely against the ferocious heavenly generals.

Date and time: July 1 (Saturday), 7.30pm

"A Marriage as a Peace Pact"

Main cast: Chen Zhilin, Xiong Xiangang, Zhao Siya, Du Jia

Synopsis: During the final years of the Eastern Han dynasty, Liu Bei uses Jing Province that he borrowed from Sun Quan of Eastern Wu as a foothold. When Sun Quan's repeated attempts to reclaim Jing Province prove futile, his military governor Zhou Yu sets up a beauty trap. By saying Sun offers his sister Lady Sun Shangxiang to Liu Bei as a wife and asking Liu to cross the river to complete the wedding ceremony, Sun Quan hopes to seize the chance to reclaim Jing Province. Liu Bei's counsellor Zhuge Liang arranges tricks, turning Sun's trick around and realising the fake marriage instead. Zhou Yu then comes up with another scheme by trying to lure Liu Bei to indulge in wine and women. Following Zhuge Liang's advice, Liu feigns being fatuous and succeeds in learning Lady Sun's heartfelt wish. They wait for the chance to flee. In the end, Zhou Yu loses on both fronts and must pay a double penalty.

Date and time: July 2 (Sunday), 7.30pm

Excerpt "Catching Sanlang Alive" (Gaoqiang)

Main cast: Wan Duo, Li Yujie

Synopsis: Unwilling to be alone in the netherworld, ghost Yan Xijiao returns to the mortal world in search of her previous lover Zhang Wenyuan and attempts to lure him to join her in the netherworld for fun. Zhang refuses, but is eventually captured alive by the ghost Yan.

Excerpt "Waylaying the Horse" (Tanxi)

Main cast: Huang Haiwei, Yin Lianlian

Synopsis: During the Song dynasty, Song soldier Jiao Guangpu is stranded in the state of Liao and opens a small tavern. One day, a Liao soldier with a border pass on the belt arrives at the tavern. Jiao hopes to steal the pass to exit the border. The two break into a fight. Jiao reveals that he is a general of the Yang family, while the soldier discloses that she is the eighth daughter of the Yang family. As a result, the two cross the border together to return home.

Excerpt "Wu Song Killing His Sister-in-Law" (Tanxi)

Main cast: Zhang Yan, Xie Zhanghong

Synopsis: Pan Jinlian and Ximen Qing collaborate and kill Pan's husband Wu Dalang with poison. Hearing this, Dalang's brother Wu Song kills Ximen Qing

and brings his severed head to the mourning hall, intending to kill Pan to avenge his brother's death. Before her death, Pan makes the excuse of wishing to toast Song with three cups of wine to lament the inevitability of her fate while confessing her love for Song.

Excerpt "The Injustice Done to Dou E" (Tanxi)

Main cast: Liu Yi, Liu Dandan, Li Ke

Synopsis: Zhang Luer and his father try to seize Dou E and her mother-in-law Cai. Zhang poisons the food in an attempt to kill Cai, but his father eats it instead and dies. Zhang accuses Dou E of poisoning his father. Dou E is wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death. Snow falls unexpectedly on the day of her execution in June, crying out for justice for her.

Excerpt "Holding a Candle to Burn His Books" (Gaoqiang)

Main cast: Chen Zhilin, Liu Yan

Synopsis: Bashan scholar Meng Dengke tries to seek justice for the village folk who died wrongfully in the case of Bashan. However, due to his bookishness, his petition for justice is futile and results in physical suffering instead. Meng then decides to go all in, burn the petition and appeal again, swearing to fight for justice for the wrongfully killed.

The Sichuan Opera Troupe was established in 1960. It is an important unit for the inheritance of National Intangible Cultural Heritage, and has created and rearranged more than 200 outstanding repertoire pieces. The works received high acclamation and won various national awards. At present, there are seven recipients of the Plum Blossom Award, one national and four provincial exponents of National Intangible Cultural Heritage in the troupe. The troupe has footprints all over the country and has performed in several countries including the United States, Germany, France and Japan.

Three performances will be held at the Auditorium of the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. Each performance will run for about two hours and 30 minutes, including an intermission of 15 minutes. Lyrics and dialogue are with Chinese and English surtitles. Tickets priced at \$160, \$260 and \$360 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7325 or visit www.cof.gov.hk/2023/en/sichuan.html.

A Meet-the-Artists session entitled "Sichuan Opera Excels the Rest" (in Putonghua) will be held at 7.30pm on June 29 (Thursday) at AC2, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The speakers will be Chen Zhilin and Liu Yi, and the moderator will be Chinese opera researcher Chan Chun-miu. Admission is free, with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Details can be found on the above-mentioned website.

Since its inception in 2010, the COF has curated quality operatic programmes with the aim of promoting the artistry and culture of Chinese traditional opera. COF 2023 will once again bring together an excellent line-up of Chinese opera troupes to stage nine quality operatic programmes covering a variety of theatrical genres, including Peking opera, Qu opera, Sichuan opera, Han opera, Cantonese opera, Wu opera, Kunqu opera and Yue opera, from June to October, showcasing the splendour of Chinese operatic art

in all its glory. For more details, please visit www.cof.gov.hk.



[Red flags hoisted at several beaches](#)

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 (May 30) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District; and Hap Mun Bay Beach, Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Recruitment under Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth Phase VI starts today

The Government today (May 30) started recruitment under the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) Phase VI. The application period will close on June 29, 2023.

A spokesman for the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) said, "The MSSY is one of the key initiatives of youth development as set out in the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address and the Youth Development Blueprint. To engage more young people in public affairs and enhance their interaction with and trust in the Government, action is taken to expand the MSSY, with a view to tripling the number of participating advisory committees from around 60 at present to no less than 180 within the current term of the Government to enhance their functions as talent incubators. At present, around 510 posts are held by young people who have been appointed to advisory and statutory bodies directly or indirectly through the MSSY. The overall ratio of youth members in these bodies has increased from 7.8 per cent in end-2017 to 16.1 per cent in end-2022."

"The number of participating committees has been increased from 15 in Phase V to 20, covering an amount of positioning of the 'eight centres' as promulgated under [the Fourteen Five-Year Plan for the National Economic and Social Development](#), including international innovation and technology centre, East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange, international trade centre, international shipping centre, international aviation hub and centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region. In the process of preparing for the MSSY Phase VI, we have discussed with relevant bureaux/departments (B/Ds) to open up relevant committees to allow young people to self-nominate themselves as members, so as to facilitate young people's further understanding of the positioning of Hong Kong in the overall development of our country and to contribute to the future development of Hong Kong," the spokesman added.

The MSSY has received over 8 200 applications for the last six phases (i.e. the Pilot Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth and the MSSY Phases I to V). The list of appointees has been uploaded to the [website](#) of the HYAB.

The MSSY Phase VI is now open for application. The 20 participating committees for the MSSY Phase VI are as follows:

1. Tripartite Taskforce on Manpower Training (Aviation)

2. Human Resources Planning Commission
3. Trade and Industry Advisory Board
4. Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration
5. Enterprise Support Scheme Assessment Panel
6. Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education
7. Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
8. Commission on Children
9. Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene
10. Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund
11. Committee on Promotion of Breastfeeding
12. Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People
13. Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee
14. Statistics Advisory Board
15. Rehabilitation Advisory Committee
16. Stamp Advisory Committee
17. Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee
18. Sub-committee on Youth and Capacity Building under the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development
19. Assessment Panel of the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care
20. Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee

"We encourage young persons aged between 18 and 35 on June 29, 2023, i.e. the date of the application deadline, and with a commitment to serving the community to apply for the MSSY Phase VI," the spokesman continued.

A Recruitment Committee (RC) has been set up by the HYAB for overseeing the implementation of the MSSY. The RC comprises the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, the Vice-Chairman of the Youth Development Commission, non-official chairpersons or members of the aforementioned 20 committees and representatives of the B/Ds concerned. Under the RC, Assessment Panels (APs) will be formed to handle the applications concerning the 20 committees respectively. The APs will conduct interviews with applicants to facilitate assessment.

The APs will consider whether the applicant has a strong commitment to serving the community, good understanding of the policy area concerned and good analytical and communication skills. Following the principle of meritocracy, the Government aims to, through the MSSY, recruit young people who have the commitment to serving the community and the ability to contribute to the committees concerned for recommending to the relevant B/Ds for consideration of appointment. Each of the above committees will offer two seats for appointment. Subject to the actual number of applications received and assessment progress, assessment would be completed in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The application form and other details of the MSSY Phase VI are available on the website of the HYAB (www.hyab.gov.hk). When completing the application form, applicants are required to write no more than 600 words or provide a video or audio clip of no longer than three minutes to account for,

in either Chinese or English, his or her suitability for being appointed to be a member of the selected committee(s). Applications may be submitted through the online application system, by post or by hand.