

Care centres and SWD service units operating on Saturdays will not open

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"The Social Welfare Department announces that as Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above is now hoisted, all welfare service units of the department, all child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres and day rehabilitation units including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, integrated vocational training centres and day activity centres will not open to the public. After the No. 8 signal is cancelled, those centres which normally operate on Saturdays will resume normal operation in two hours, if the weather and conditions permit."

Pilotage service suspended

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The Marine Department has received notification from the Hong Kong Pilots Association Limited that due to the tropical cyclone, the inbound pilotage service has been suspended from 8.30am today (October 9). Shipowners, agents, masters and other port users are advised to pay attention.

Announcement by Judiciary on gale warning arrangements

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

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The Judiciary has announced that because of the anticipation of the issuing of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8, all hearings of the courts/tribunals, including any admission proceedings, are adjourned today (Saturday).

Those who were due to attend court hearings today but were affected by the issuing of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 should do so at 9.30am on the next working day (October 11) unless otherwise notified.

As for those who were due to attend admission proceedings in the High Court this morning are not required to attend court until further notice in writing.

Court/tribunal registries and offices will open as usual on the next working day (October 11).

It is anticipated that there will be a significant number of people going to the courts. In particular, for the High Court, given the need for security screening, court users are advised to arrive at the court building earlier to allow time for screening, particularly during the peak hours in the morning.

Territory-wide flag day today

The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (October 9), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permit 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.

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