Red flag lowered at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (March 2) that the red flag at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted earlier due to big waves.

<u>Liquor Licensing Board to meet on</u> <u>Tuesday</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (March 4) to consider an application for new issue of liquor licence (with Bar endorsement) for Bar Pacific in Kowloon City.

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

SITI to visit Spain and Portugal

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, will lead a delegation of representatives from the innovation and technology (I&T) sector to depart for Spain and Portugal this evening (March 2). The visit aims to strengthen ties and co-operation between Hong Kong and the two countries in the field of I&T, promoting Hong Kong's I&T advantages, and exploring overseas business opportunities for Hong Kong's I&T sector.

Members of the delegation include heads from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), Cyberport, the Hong Kong Applied

Science and Technology Research Institute, and the Hong Kong Microelectronics Research and Development Institute, as well as representatives of 24 local I&T enterprises or institutions. The HKSTPC and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council will co-ordinate the participation of the I&T representatives of the enterprises and institutions in the Hong Kong Tech Pavilion at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025.

Professor Sun will visit Barcelona, Spain, from March 3 to 5. During his stay, he will attend the MWC 2025 and deliver a keynote speech at the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA) Ministerial Programme. The delegation will visit Lisbon, Portugal, on March 6. The programme of the visit will include meetings and exchanges with leaders of local political, business and I&T sectors, as well as visits to local I&T infrastructure, I&T parks, research institutes and technology enterprises.

Professor Sun will conclude his visit on March 7 (local time) and return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on March 8. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, will be the Acting Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry.

Red flags hoisted at Big Wave Bay Beach and Clear Water Bay Second 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 (March 2) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

MD announcement

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department today (March 2) reminded masters, coxswains and persons-in-charge of vessels navigating in Hong Kong waters to proceed at a safe speed and exercise extreme caution because restricted visibility of less than 2 nautical miles has been reported.

Appropriate sound signals shall be made when underway or at anchor. All vessels must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea.

Also, when radar is used without the benefit of adequate plotting facilities, the information obtained from the equipment is rather limited and should be construed accordingly.

Visibility reports are broadcast by the Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) on VHF channels 02, 12, 14, 63 and 67.

In the event of an accident, a report shall be made immediately to the VTC at Tel: 2233 7801.