

Red flag hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh 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 (May 31) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports opens for application

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (May 31) launched the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports to support the development of new sports in Hong Kong. The pilot scheme aims to provide more opportunities and choices for members of the public, and to encourage them to do more physical exercise through taking part in different sports.

The pilot scheme has been introduced based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Review of Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS). The SSS administered by the LCSD provides subvention to national sports associations and sports organisations. The comprehensive review was conducted in 2019-20 by the LCSD, and a wide range of recommendations and enhancement measures have been made to enhance the further development of sports in Hong Kong.

The report of the comprehensive review suggested that government funding should be provided for new sports, so that the public could have more opportunities and choices to take part in different sports activities. With this inspiration, the Government introduced the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports and a new funding mechanism, apart from the existing SSS, was devised to promote and support the development of new sports in Hong Kong.

The pilot scheme is inviting applications for subvention in 2021-22 from now until July 31. Each successful application will be offered a maximum of \$100,000 or 85 per cent of the total eligible expenditure of an individual activity, whichever is lower. For details, please visit the LCSD webpage at www.lcsd.gov.hk/sns.

An applicant for the pilot scheme must be a registered non-profit-making

organisation that has served as the sole governing body of the sport in Hong Kong for the past two years before the date of submission of the application. It must also be the only organisation in the territory recognised by and affiliated with the Asian federation/regional federation/international federation that is the sole federation representing the respective sport, and have successful experience in organising sports development programmes in the past two years.

An Advisory Committee of the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports has been set up to steer the implementation, endorse the mode of subvention and provide advice on publicity and promotion of the pilot scheme. The advisory committee mainly comprises members of the Sports Commission, the Community Sports Committee and the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China who are enthusiastic in sports and have profound experience. The LCSD will oversee implementation of the scheme.

2021 edition of "Statistical Digest of the Services Sector" published

The 2021 edition of "Statistical Digest of the Services Sector" is published by the Census and Statistics Department today (May 31). The publication provides up-to-date annual statistics (for year 2010 and each of the years from 2016 to 2020) and quarterly statistics (from the third quarter of 2019 to the fourth quarter of 2020) on 14 major service industries/domains of Hong Kong for the more important statistical series.

The above publication is now available for download at the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1080007&scode=520). Enquiries can be directed to the Logistics and Producer Prices Statistics Section of the Department (Tel: 3903 7257 or email: services@censtatd.gov.hk).

Occupational safety and health training courses open for applications

The Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre of the Labour Department (LD) will launch a wide range of occupational safety and health training courses in the second half of 2021. The courses aim to enhance the

working population's awareness of occupational safety and health, as well as their understanding of the legal requirements and standards stipulated in occupational safety regulations.

The training courses cover a wide range of topics, including:

1. Major Safety and Health Regulations related to Industrial Accident Prevention
2. Safety Management Regulation cum Safety Inspection Programme and Accident/Incident Investigation
3. Safety Regulations related to Risk Assessment
4. Major Safety Regulations related to Accident Prevention in Office Work
5. Industrial Accident Cases Analysis and Related Safety Regulations
6. Safety Regulations on Working in times of Inclement Weather and Hot Environment
7. A Brief Introduction to Safety Regulations related to Working on Construction Sites cum a Brief Introduction to Codes of Practice related to Working on Construction Sites
8. Safety Regulations on Working at Height and a Brief Introduction to Safety Regulations related to Electrical Work on Construction Sites cum Codes of Practice on Scaffolds
9. Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear Regulations cum Codes of Practice for Safe Use of Cranes
10. Major Safety Regulations related to Renovation, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Works
11. Major Safety Regulations related to Working in the Catering Trade
12. Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and Regulation
13. Safety Regulations on Manual Handling Operations
14. Dangerous Substances Regulations
15. Health Hints on the Use of Computer cum More Exercise Smart Work
16. Occupational Stress cum More Exercise Smart Work
17. First Aid in the Workplace (including demonstration of bandaging)
18. Strategies for the Prevention of Occupational Diseases cum Work and Healthy Lifestyle

The courses will mainly be conducted in Cantonese at the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre, 13/F, KOLOUR Tszuen Wan I, 68 Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan. Enrolment is free.

Application forms are available at the training centre or offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the LD. They can also be downloaded from the department's website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/form.htm). For enquiries, please call 2940 7057.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu relocates to new office

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu (CDETO) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) moved to its new office today (May 31). The new address and detailed contact information is as follows:

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CDETO was established in 2006. Its main functions include enhancing Hong Kong's liaison and communication with the six provinces/municipality/autonomous region (Sichuan, Chongqing, Shaanxi, Guizhou, Qinghai and Tibet) under the coverage of the CDETO; facilitating exchange and co-operation in economic and trade as well as other aspects between Hong Kong and the six provinces/municipality/autonomous region; and providing support to Hong Kong residents and enterprises in the area.