

# HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 19 temporary night heat shelters tonight (May 28) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The 19 night heat shelters are located at:

## Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western –  
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall  
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex  
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –  
Causeway Bay Community Centre  
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –  
Wah Kwai Community Centre  
Wah Kwai Estate, Kellett Bay

Wan Chai –  
Wan Chai Activities Centre  
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

## Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –  
Hung Hom Community Hall  
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices  
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –  
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre  
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –  
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall  
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –  
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre  
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –  
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre  
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

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Islands –  
Tung Chung North Park (Zone B) Activity Room  
29 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –  
Kwai Shing Community Hall  
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –  
Cheung Wah Community Hall  
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –  
King Lam Neighbourhood Community Centre  
King Lam Estate, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –  
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre  
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –  
Tai Po Community Centre  
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –  
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall  
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –  
Butterfly Bay Community Centre  
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –  
Long Ping Community Hall  
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –  
Tin Yiu Community Centre  
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

The temporary night heat shelters will resume their functions as either community centres or community halls in the daytime for hire by the local community and cannot continue to be open as heat shelters. People may choose to take refuge from the heat during the daytime in the common areas in any of the 22 designated community centres or community halls. Their opening hours are from 9am to 10pm. For the addresses of the community centres and community halls, please browse the following document:  
[www.had.gov.hk/file\\_manager/en/documents/public\\_services/emergency\\_services/List\\_CH\\_CC\\_Day\\_E.pdf](http://www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf).

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## Transcript of remarks by STH on Tuen Ma Line

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, on the Tuen Ma Line at a media session today (May 28):

Reporter: Can the Secretary or the CEO tell us what made it possible for the early opening of the Tuen Ma Line because it was originally expected to open in the next quarter? And earlier Mr Kam mentioned that there will be some discounts offered to passengers, will you let us know what they are? Secondly, about the cross-harbour section, how optimistic are you that the MTR will be able to reduce the delay?

Secretary for Transport and Housing: As regards the timing of the Tuen Ma Line commissioning, I have to say that both the Government and the MTR Corporation have been working very hard during the past year with a view to commissioning the Tuen Ma Line as soon as possible. We appreciate very much the expectation of the people who are looking forward to taking a ride on this particular new line because it connects to all other railway lines, providing flexibility, convenience and also saving in time. That is why we have been working very hard to move the commissioning target a quarter earlier.

As regards the north-south line (Hung Hom to Admiralty section), as we have just mentioned, both the Government and the MTR Corporation are working together with best endeavour with a view to expediting the commissioning of the north-south line (Hung Hom to Admiralty section) as early as possible. We have to let you know that there are challenges that we have been tackling and we are hopeful to gain some lost time in the next year or so. Today we are unable to tell how fast or how much we can move forward. But rest assured, we will make our best endeavour to do it.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

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## [HK SAR Government files first written submission to WTO panel in respect of US' requirement on origin marking](#)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (May 28) filed its first written submission to the panel established under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) to consider the dispute raised by Hong Kong with respect to the violation of WTO rules by the requirement of the United States (US) on origin marking for Hong Kong products.

The submission explains in detail Hong Kong's position that the US' requirement, amongst others, unlawfully discriminates against goods of Hong Kong origin, and is inconsistent with multiple WTO covered agreements, including the Agreement on Rules of Origin, the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

"Hong Kong is a founding member of the WTO by virtue of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. Under the Basic Law, Hong Kong is a separate customs territory, and may, using the name 'Hong Kong, China' (HKC), participate in relevant international organisations and international trade agreements. The special status of Hong Kong has been widely recognised and respected by the international community, and Hong Kong's economic and trade status is on par with that of other WTO members," the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said.

"The US has imposed such a discriminatory and unjust requirement for political reasons unrelated to a proper determination of the place of origin of the goods as required under the various WTO covered agreements. This approach improperly interjects political considerations into a purely technical exercise to determine a product's origin under WTO rules. This approach, if accepted, would undermine the critical role that accurate origin determination plays within the rules-based multilateral trading system," Mr Yau said.

At the same time, the requirement to mark goods originating in Hong Kong as originating in another WTO member has increased the cost and complexity of exportation for Hong Kong enterprises by forcing them to segregate their products based on different markets of destination, putting them at a competitive disadvantage vis-à-vis other WTO members, he said.

The WTO DSB acceded at its meeting on February 22 to Hong Kong's request to establish a panel to consider HKC's dispute. The Director-General of the WTO subsequently appointed a three-member panel to examine the dispute on April 29. The panel is proceeding in accordance with procedures as set out in

the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, including to consider written submissions by HKC and the US as well as 13 other WTO members who have reserved their rights to join as third parties to the dispute.

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## **Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (May 28), five COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 11755, 11764, 11795, 11812 and 11835) were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 11 570 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 619 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 130 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 26 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 13 public hospitals and the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, among which one patient (case number: 6794) is in critical condition, one (case number: 9907) is in serious condition and the remaining 24 patients are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

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## **“Mediate First” Pledge Event 2021 held today (with photos)**

The "Mediate First" Pledge Event 2021 was held online today (May 28) by the Department of Justice (DoJ) to promote the use of mediation in Hong Kong's various sectors for dispute resolution, complementing the DoJ's long-term policy efforts to promote and develop the wider use of mediation. The event attracted more than 1 300 participants from different sectors of 14 jurisdictions around the globe.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, said that the DoJ has spared no effort in promoting mediation both locally and internationally. The relevant work includes the Mediation Mechanism established under the

Investment Agreement of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement for the settlement of investment disputes; the Investment Law and Investor-State Mediator Training Course in Hong Kong co-organised with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and the Asian Academy of International Law; working closely with the Department of Justice of Guangdong Province and the Secretariat for Administration and Justice of the Macao Special Administrative Region in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference on the establishment of a GBA Mediation Platform; and the Small Claims Mediation Pilot Scheme at the West Kowloon Mediation Centre which provides mediation services to litigants of the Small Claims Tribunal cases.

Entitled "Mediate First – Anchoring the Future", the "Mediate First" Pledge Event 2021 started with a webinar comprising three panel discussions. Speakers with different areas of expertise shared their professional insights and experiences on the use of mediation in resolving disputes relating to private wealth matters, in health care disputes, and in resolving employees' compensation claims.

The webinar will be followed by the official launch of the "Mediate First" logo, and the Star Logo Award Presentation Ceremony and Signing Ceremony of the "Mediate First" Pledge. This year, a total of 34 pledgees are awarded the Star Logo for their achievements in promoting and adopting mediation in the course of their business operations.

Organisations and individuals signing the "Mediate First" Pledge agree to first explore the use of mediation to resolve disputes arising in the course of their business dealings and operations, before pursuing other dispute resolution processes or court litigation.

In the past year, 46 pledgees have signed the Pledge to support the use of mediation to resolve disputes, bringing the total of organisations and individuals signing the Pledge to more than 700 since its launch in 2009.

Details on the "Mediate First" Pledge Event 2021 are available on its dedicated [website](#). For more information on mediation, please visit the designated [Facebook page](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Weibo](#).

