

# Hospital Authority releases Medication Safety Bulletin

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (May 28) published the biannual issue of "Medication Safety Bulletin" (MSB). This issue reported on the Annual Medication Safety Forum held in December 2020. The Forum is one of the HA's key initiatives to enhance the awareness of risk management among healthcare professionals in public hospitals.

This issue also shared the experience of Hong Kong West Cluster in using the Inpatient Medication Order Entry System to create a weight-based guide for adjusting the dosage of intravenous paracetamol to minimise the risk of hepatotoxicity; and the latest update of eight guidelines related to medication safety.

The publication has already been posted on the HA homepage for sharing with healthcare professionals. Members of the public are also welcome to browse at the following link [www.ha.org.hk/msb](http://www.ha.org.hk/msb). The MSB is published every six months, on the last Friday of May and November. The next issue will be published on November 26, 2021.

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## Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 28) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches (see Note 1) and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay, see Note 2).

Twenty-nine beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), eight as Fair (Grade 2) and two as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach*	Lower Cheung Sha Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Middle Bay Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Pui O Beach
Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach*	Repulse Bay Beach*
Chung Hom Kok Beach	Shek O Beach*
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach*

Clear Water Bay Second Beach*	Silverstrand Beach*
Deep Water Bay Beach*	South Bay Beach
Golden Beach*	Stanley Main Beach*
Hap Mun Bay Beach*	St Stephen's Beach
Hung Shing Yeh Beach*	Tong Fuk Beach
Kadoorie Beach	Trio Beach
Kiu Tsui Beach	Turtle Cove Beach
Kwun Yam Beach	Upper Cheung Sha Beach
Lo So Shing Beach	

Grade 2 beaches are:

Approach Beach	Discovery Bay
Butterfly Beach*	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
Casam Beach*	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach*
Castle Peak Beach	Ting Kau Beach

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Lido Beach*
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Compared with the grading released last week, Middle Bay Beach and Stanley Main Beach have been upgraded from Grade 2 to Grade 1. Discovery Bay has been changed from Grade 1 to Grade 2, and Lido Beach from Grade 2 to Grade 3.

"The changes are generally within the normal range of fluctuation of the bacteriological water quality of the beaches," an EPD spokesman said.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades, namely Good (Grade 1), Fair (Grade 2), Poor (Grade 3) and Very Poor (Grade 4), according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the EPD's website on Beach Water Quality ([www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach)) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

Note 1: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has resumed lifeguard services at 16 gazetted beaches, marked with an asterisk above, from April 16.

Note 2: Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

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## Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, May 28, 2021 is 100.2 (same as yesterday's index).

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## Inter-departmental drill on emergency response to flooding in Tai O

The Islands District Office (IDO), in collaboration with relevant government departments and local organisations, conducted a rescue and evacuation drill today (May 28) to enhance their and residents' preparedness in the event of serious flooding in Tai O and to promote residents' understanding of the emergency response arrangements.

The Fire Services Department (FSD), the Police, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), the Drainage Services Department, the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Housing Department, the Civil Aid Service, the Tai O Rural Committee, the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council, the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office and the Hong Kong Red Cross participated in the drill.

According to the emergency response plan, when the HKO forecasts that the sea level at Tai O would rise to 3.3 metres Chart Datum (mCD) or more in the coming few hours during a tropical cyclone, the HKO will issue an early alert to relevant government departments/organisations and resident representatives/fishermen representatives by SMS. Upon receipt of the early alert, the IDO would activate an emergency co-ordination centre at the Tai O Rural Committee Office, jointly set up by the IDO, the FSD, the Police, the SWD, other government departments concerned and relevant non-governmental organisations. The emergency co-ordination centre will co-ordinate any necessary evacuation, rescue and emergency relief efforts for Tai O.

Meanwhile, upon receipt of the early alert from the HKO, the resident representatives/fishermen representatives will help to disseminate the information to residents so that the residents can stay vigilant for the flood and take refuge in safe locations if needed. Temporary shelters at the Tai O Rural Committee Office, the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office on the ground floor of Lung Tin Shopping Centre, the Buddhist Fat Ho Memorial College as well as the Lung Tin Transit Centre will be opened for residents in need.

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## HK Film Archive presents “Out of the Past – From the Tai Ping Treasure Trove” exhibition (with photos)

The exhibition "Out of the Past – From the Tai Ping Treasure Trove", organised by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is being held from today (May 28) to October 17 at the Exhibition Hall of the HKFA, revisiting the history of the Tai Ping Theatre during its years of operation.

The exhibition begins with the completion of the theatre in 1904, and then leads the visitors to see its glorious days after redevelopment, the hard times under the Japanese occupation, and the closing down of the theatre in 1981. The exhibition showcases a 3D model built according to the theatre's architecture plan from 1903, and more than 100 paper items donated by the third-generation owner, Ms Beryl Yuen, including floor plans of the theatre from the early 20th century, revenue sharing agreements and balance sheets of movie screenings, and letters between past theatre owners and celebrities from various sectors. A video of Ms Yuen introducing the former site of the theatre will also be shown at the venue.

To complement the exhibition, the HKFA will hold four seminars in Cantonese at its Cinema. The seminars are detailed below:

Date	Time	Topic	Speakers
May 30	2.30pm	Throwback "Taiping" Good Old Days	Beryl Yuen and Janice Chow
June 27	2.30pm	Tai Ping Words: The Art of Writing in Yuen Family Documents	Sam Ho
July 18	2.30pm	Tai Ping Theatre: An Architectural Perspective	Audrey Yip
September 26	2.30pm	Tai Ping Theatre and Communities: Public Affairs and Personal Memories	Dr Vivian Ting and Yeung Sau-cheuk

Admission to the exhibition and the seminars is free. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit [www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en\\_US/web/hkfa/pe-event-2021-e-tp.html](http://www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en_US/web/hkfa/pe-event-2021-e-tp.html).

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, audiences should take note of the latest service arrangements to be implemented by the HKFA. For details, please visit [www.filmarchive.gov.hk/](http://www.filmarchive.gov.hk/) or contact the HKFA at 2739 2139.

