

# HAD opens temporary heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will continue to open 19 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (June 8).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

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

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

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Central and Western –  
Kennedy Town Community Complex  
1/F, 12 Rock Hill Street, Kennedy Town

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

Southern –  
Lei Tung Community Hall  
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

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

Kowloon:

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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

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:

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Islands –  
Tung Chung Community Hall  
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 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 –  
Hang Hau Community Hall  
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau,  
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

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, 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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## LD reminds employers and employees to take heat stroke preventive measures in times of Heat Stress at Work Warning

As the Heat Stress at Work Warning is now in effect, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate measures during the effective period of the warning to prevent heat stroke when working in hot weather or hot environments.

Employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor environments face high levels of heat stress and are at a relatively higher risk of heat stroke. Employers should assess the risk factors of heat stress for employees at work and, based on the identified risk factors, take necessary preventive and control measures, including rescheduling work periods, setting up shading covers, providing ventilation and heat dissipation equipment, and reminding employees to replenish water and rest in a timely manner.

The Heat Stress at Work Warning is formulated by the LD based on the Hong Kong Heat Index. There are three levels of the warning: Amber, Red and Black, which help employers and employees better understand the level of heat stress while working outdoors or indoors without air-conditioning systems.

A spokesman for the LD said that when the department issues the Heat Stress at Work Warning, employers must refer to the criteria and recommendations provided in the "[Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work](#)" to conduct risk assessments, according to the workloads and other relevant heat stress risk factors, for employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor workplaces. Appropriate rest breaks should be arranged every hour, as far as reasonably practicable, based on various levels of the Heat Stress at Work Warning, to reduce employees' risk of heat stroke.

Employees must also follow instructions to rest on time. Whenever there are any symptoms of heat-related illnesses, such as headache, dizziness, thirst, and nausea, they should rest in a cool and shady place, drink water, and inform employers/supervisors to take appropriate action immediately.

The LD issued the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work", detailing the various risk factors that should be considered when conducting heat stress risk assessments and recommending corresponding control measures for identified risk factors for employers' and employees' reference. For the Heat Stress at Work Warning and related guidelines, please refer to the department's thematic webpage:

[www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention\\_of\\_heat\\_stroke\\_at\\_work.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention_of_heat_stroke_at_work.htm).

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## **Special traffic and transport arrangements for football match at Kai Tak Sports Park on June 10 and enhanced taxi pick-up/drop-off during dispersal**

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 8) said that, to facilitate the holding of a football match at the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) on the evening of June 10, special traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented to provide convenience for spectators to travel to and from the KTSP. As the traffic in the vicinity of the KTSP is expected to be heavy, spectators should opt for public transport and avoid driving.

The TD has co-ordinated with public transport operators to strengthen their services during the dispersal period. The MTR will enhance the interval between trains of the Tuen Ma Line. Franchised bus companies will provide a total of 10 special bus routes at the Sung Wong Toi Road Pick-up/Drop-off Area (PUDOA) to major districts across the territory.

In addition, relevant Government bureaux/departments and the KTSP Limited have reviewed the public transport arrangement of Sung Wong Toi Road PUDOA, and will open the Kai Tak Stadium Taxi PUDOA (G/F outside Gate H). For Sung Wong Toi Road PUDOA, it will remain open for taxi drop-off during admission period, and will be suspended for taxi pick-up/drop-off during the dispersal period. The taxi pick-up/drop-off arrangements in the vicinity of the KTSP during the event are set out below:

Location	Admission period	Dispersal period
Kai Tak Stadium Taxi PUDO	Open for taxi pick-up and drop-off	
Sung Wong Toi Road PUDO	Taxi drop-off only (from 4pm to 8pm)	No taxi pick-up/drop-off, for special bus routes only
Kai Tak Arena Taxi Drop-off Area	Taxi drop-off only (from 4pm to 8pm)	No taxi pick-up/drop-off

Relevant bureaux/departments and the KTSP Limited have arranged site visit and meeting with and issued letters to the taxi trade to facilitate its familiarisation of the new arrangements and routes concerned. Additional signage will also be put up on site for identification. During dispersal, the expected waiting time will be longer amid an outflux of spectators and passengers' patience is appreciated.

Spectators are advised to take heed of the real-time information via the on-site broadcast and the "Easy Leave" platform ([easyleave.police.gov.hk](http://easyleave.police.gov.hk)) as well as the latest traffic news through the TD's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)), the "HKeMobility" mobile application and radio and television broadcasts.

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## Remarks by SHYA at media session

Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, at a media session after attending a radio programme today (June 8):

Reporter: Can you briefly recap in English how legalising the basketball betting could help combat illegal gambling and how can they support local sports development? And how much tax is expected to be generated? And also how will the government strike a balance between legalising basketball betting and also advert against gambling especially among young people in the city?

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs: For the government, we don't encourage any kind of gambling. When combating the illegal gambling problem, we have multipronged approach. The first and the most important one is law enforcement, so through law enforcement we will take serious actions against those illegal gambling organisations and people involved in illegal gambling is in fact a criminal offense and can be subject to a penalty of \$50,000 and also nine months in jail.

The second one is public education, this is very important that we need to let Hong Kong people know the consequences of illegal gambling and we will encourage people to understand how to avoid illegal gambling and in fact gambling. We will take a series of measures and put in more efforts and resources in enhancing public education. Thirdly, for those who already have gambling problems, we will provide counselling services. Currently, we have four counselling centres carrying out these counselling services.

The fourth and last one, we can see it as a last resort. When the illegal gambling problem is so serious, we need to channel the illegal gambling to a regulated gambling regime. With illegal basketball gambling, we are also taking these four approaches. I will attend the LegCo (Legislative Council) Panel Meeting tomorrow to report on the results of the public consultation that we have conducted months ago. And during the consultation process, 90 per cent of the people who submitted their proposals, they supported the regulated basketball gambling regime, and this will be modelling on the current football gambling regime. So, tomorrow I will introduce the consultation results and will also report to the LegCo on the next step that we are going to take.

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

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## **SFST to visit the UK and Norway**

â€‹The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, will depart for a visit to the United Kingdom and Norway today (June 8) to meet government financial officials as well as representatives from the business sector. He will also speak at a number of events.

Mr Hui will return to Hong Kong on June 13. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Joseph Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.