

2020 Bun Carnival cancelled

In view of the latest developments of COVID-19 virus infection, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (March 2) that the 2020 Bun Carnival originally scheduled to be held at the soccer pitch of Pak Tai Temple Playground on Cheung Chau has been cancelled.

The 2020 Bun Carnival is jointly organised by the Hong Kong Cheung Chau Bun Festival Committee and the LCSD. After thorough deliberation, the organising committee has decided to cancel related activities in order to avoid people gathering and to reduce social contact and the risk of the spread of COVID-19 virus in the community.

Activities that have been cancelled include:

- (1) Training on Bun Tower Climbing;
- (2) The Selection Contest for the Bun Scrambling Competition;
- (3) The Climbing Carnival; and
- (4) The Bun Scrambling Competition.

In addition, the assessments of the Student Colouring and Drawing Competitions have been completed. An overwhelming response was received, with students from 13 kindergartens and 10 primary schools in Islands District participating in the competitions. The LCSD will notify the winners individually and awards will be sent to the respective schools. Hard copies of the winning entries will be displayed at some of the LCSD's venues in Islands District, at Central Pier 5 and at Community Art Galleries at MTR Central Station and MTR Tung Chung Station. The LCSD will also upload e-copies of the winning entries to the Multimedia Information System of the Hong Kong Public Libraries in order to promote the Cheung Chau Jiao Festival's tradition of bun scrambling and local customs among the public.

As for the Jiao Festival organised by the Bun Festival Committee, please call 2981 2329 for enquiries. For more information on the Cheung Chau Jiao Festival, which was inscribed onto the Third National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2011, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/ICH0/en_US/web/icho/representative_list_cheungchau.html.