Early closure of Lady Trench Methadone Clinic today

The Department of Health has announced that owing to the situation in Tsuen Wan, the Lady Trench Methadone Clinic will be closed at 6pm today (August 5). Those who have been receiving methadone treatment there can receive their daily dose at the methadone clinic in Sham Shui Po or other methadone clinics.

Details of the clinic in Sham Shui Po are as follows:

Sham Shui Po Methadone Clinic

Address: 137 Yee Kuk Street, Sham Shui Po

Tel: 3468 2938

Operating hours: 7am to 10pm

Employee fined for violation of safety legislation

A site manager was fined \$30,000 at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (August 5) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance. The prosecution was launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on March 29, 2017, in a construction site of the Hong Kong Link Road of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge projects. While three workers were dismantling a temporary working platform suspended by a lifting system erected on the bridge deck of a bridge under construction, a lifting beam of the lifting system suddenly collapsed and two slings suspending the platform snapped. The platform plunged into the sea together with the three workers. At the same time, the collapsed lifting beam hit two other workers working on the bridge deck. As a result, two workers died and the other three sustained injuries.

Members of public actively join Sport

For All Day 2019

Sport For All Day 2019, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), was held successfully yesterday (August 4). More than 180 000 people participated in free recreation and sports programmes at designated venues and enjoyed free use of the LCSD's leisure facilities.

"Members of the public enthusiastically supported the event. More than 155 000 people used our free facilities yesterday. A usage rate of over 97 per cent was recorded for the main arenas of sport centres. More than 77 000 people also enjoyed swimming for free at LCSD swimming pools," a spokesman for the LCSD said today (August 5).

A variety of free recreation and sports programmes were held yesterday, including wushu participation sessions, health talks and exercise demonstrations, fitness corners, sports participation sessions, sports activities for parents with children and activities for persons with or without disabilities. More than 29 000 people took part in these programmes.

The spokesman said the LCSD will continue to promote sport for all in the community and the benefits of doing exercise regularly. Members of the public are encouraged to exercise at least half an hour a day for a healthy and happy life.

Police conducting dispersal operation in Admiralty

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

A large group of protestors are currently gathering in the Admiralty area, blocking carriageways near Central Government Complex, Harcourt Road and vandalising the Central Government Complex.

After repeated and futile warnings, in face of the situation, Police deployed tear gas and minimum force to disperse protestors.

Police appeal to everyone in the area to leave immediately.

World Cultures Festival on Nordic arts offers 30 per cent off early bird discount until September 4 (with photos)

The World Cultures Festival (WCF) will be held from October 18 to November 17 to showcase the artistic gems of five Nordic countries: Finland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland. An early bird discount of 30 per cent off all full-price tickets on stage programmes will be offered from today (August 5) to September 4.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the WCF programme encompasses music, dance, drama, literature, circus arts and more to engage audiences on the past, the present and the future through inclusive, people-oriented themes and a focus on key social issues.

An operatic version of Ingmar Bergman's noted film "Autumn Sonata" will open the festival. Enthrallingly converted into a two-act opera, the work by Finnish composer Sebastian Fagerlund adds an intense musical angst to the raw truths bared in the tale of an inharmonious relationship between a concert pianist and her daughters.

Human nature is examined in an unconventional Norwegian ballet, "Ghosts", which reinterprets a play by Henrik Ibsen for modern times. With original music by Sigur Rós, the Icelandic contemporary dance production "The Best of Darkness" wrestles with the inner vulnerabilities of humans. In "Breath", two masterly avant-garde Finnish performers, Tero Saarinen and Kimmo Pohjonen, showcase breathtaking dance, music and visual effects, while hearing-impaired Finnish rapper Signmark voices out themes of equality and inclusiveness in his songs and music.

Sweden's "Limits" by Cirkus Cirkör brilliantly deploys the techniques of cirque nouveau, stretching physical frontiers and soaring beyond borders to reflect on the global refugee crisis. The Danish multimedia production "NeoArctic" takes audiences to a visual-music journey addressing an ecosystem emergency. Renowned theatre director Eugenio Barba directs the acclaimed Odin Teatret in "The Chronic Life", in which the Danish-based acting lab delves into the disoriented times of 2031.

Finland's "Arctic Odyssey" is a spell-binding encounter with the eclectic arts of indigenous people from diverse regions of the far north. "The Sounds of Finland" connects innovation and tradition in a concert centred on the zither-like kantele, an instrument with a history of more than 1 000 years. In addition, Nordic and local groups will present an upbeat

sonic celebration spotlighting women singers in the "Nordic & Hong Kong Band Sound Gala".

The WCF will have a refreshing "Nordic Café" series that will turn the Hong Kong Cultural Centre's Studio Theatre into an informal salon for the enjoyment of chamber music, play reading and improvisational theatre while attendees comfortably enjoy snacks and drinks.

Tickets for the WCF early bird offer are available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk) from today until September 4. For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

For programme enquiries, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.worldfestival.gov.hk.





