

# Plastic-free Fun Fair celebrates World Environment Day and World Oceans Day 2019

The following is issued on behalf of the Environmental Campaign Committee:

To celebrate World Environment Day and World Oceans Day, the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) held the Plastic-free Fun Fair today (June 9) under the theme "Go Plastic-free" at Tai Kwun in Central. The second phase of the "Plastic-free Takeaway, Use Reusable Tableware" promotion campaign, jointly organised by the ECC and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), was also launched at the event to encourage members of the public not to obtain disposable tableware when they order takeaways and to cultivate plastic-and-disposable-free habits.

At the opening ceremony, the Chairman of the ECC, Professor Joseph Sung, said that the enormous amount of plastic waste generated by human beings had not only increased the burden on landfills, but also caused adverse impacts on the earth's ecosystems. If we do not take action now, the pollution brought by plastic waste may threaten our own health in the long run, he said.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, said that the Government had taken the lead in introducing various policies and measures to tackle the problem of plastic waste. However, public participation and co-operation were indispensable. He said he hoped that the public could reduce waste at source by using less disposable plastic products in their daily life and shoulder their responsibility in protecting the environment.

Other officiating guests included the Permanent Secretary for the Environment/ Director of Environmental Protection, Ms Maisie Cheng; the Acting Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, Dr So Ping-man; and the Acting Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Dr Cheng Cho-ming. With the "four plastic-free must-haves", namely reusable cutlery, a food container, a water bottle and an eco-bag in hand, the officiating guests invited the audience to show their commitment to "Go Plastic-free" together and enjoy the Plastic-free Fun Fair.

The second phase of the "Plastic-free Takeaway, Use Reusable Tableware" promotion campaign, extended to cover more restaurants, was also launched at the opening ceremony. Starting from tomorrow (June 10), the ECC and the EPD will join hands with some 700 eateries across the territory (including over 630 eateries under more than 30 catering businesses, as well as over 50 canteens and restaurants in government venues) to encourage the public to go plastic-and-disposable-free when ordering takeaways and reduce single-use plastic waste. Under the promotion campaign, members of the public can get a sticker for each takeaway order made at the participating

restaurants/catering businesses without obtaining disposable tableware. After collecting six stickers, they can redeem them for reusable stainless steel cutlery sponsored by the ECC, or receive a complimentary offer/gift from participating restaurants/catering businesses. To tie in with its various Go Plastic-free programmes, the EPD is also holding the "Plastic-free Beach, Tableware First" 2019 campaign during the swimming season to mobilise support from eateries on public beaches or in their vicinity to avoid using or handing out disposable plastic tableware as far as possible so as to prevent plastic waste from entering and polluting the marine environment.

The Plastic-free Fun Fair involved nearly 30 government departments, non-government organisations, green groups, tertiary institutes and community groups to jointly promote the plastic-free message to members of the public through various activities, including interactive educational booths, sharing sessions, upcycling workshops and music performances. Other activities included a story-telling corner and a pop-up library set up by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to encourage the public to learn more about environmental protection. An artwork made from marine litter collected during shoreline clean-up activities was also displayed to further arouse public attention on plastic waste in the marine environment.

To engage the public in solving the issue of marine refuse, the EPD has co-ordinated and organised more than 110 local shoreline cleaning activities in May and June 2019. The EPD has also collaborated with Guangdong Province in carrying out clean-shoreline activities for the first time. In addition, "Clean Shorelines Heroes" were commended at today's opening ceremony for their selfless contributions in protecting the marine environment. Meanwhile, the ECC has organised several local tours in coastal areas to give an opportunity for participants to appreciate the beauty of Hong Kong's shorelines and appeal for their support in protecting the marine ecosystem and the natural environment.

In addition, all the Community Green Stations (CGS) in operation, namely, the Eastern CGS, Kwai Tsing CGS, Kwun Tong CGS, Sha Tin CGS, Sham Shui Po CGS, Tuen Mun CGS and Yuen Long CGS, have also run activities under the "Go Plastic-free" theme for residents of the respective districts.

The ECC, the MTR Corporation and the Education Bureau jointly organise the ECC MTR Environmental Award for Schools every year to nurture a sense of environmental protection and responsibility among students. This year, an "All Go Plastic-free" Poster Design Competition was organised to encourage primary and secondary students to unleash their creativity to promote the plastic-free message. Awards were presented by the ECC at the ceremony today to winners of the school competitions and the winning entries were also displayed at the event venue.

Founded in 1990, the ECC aims to enhance public participation in protecting the environment. The ECC holds promotion events for World Environment Day every year and organises programmes including the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, the Hong Kong Green School Awards, the Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme, Green Lunar New Year Fairs and Reusable Tableware Lending Programme for Large-scale Events.

Information on the ECC's programmes and activities is available at [www.ecc.org.hk](http://www.ecc.org.hk).

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## **Opening ceremony for Reconstruction of the Sharp Island Pier under Signature Project Scheme of Sai Kung District held (with photos)**

An opening ceremony for Reconstruction of the Sharp Island Pier under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Sai Kung District was held at Sharp Island Pier in Sai Kung today (June 9).

The Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council under the SPS to implement signature projects upon its endorsement, so as to enhance district administration and better address local needs. Reconstruction of the Sharp Island Pier is one of the two projects endorsed by the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC).

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah; the Chairman of the SKDC, Mr Ng Sze-fuk; and other guests officiated at the plaque unveiling ceremony, signifying the official opening of the new pier.

Sharp Island is part of the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark. With the significant increase in the number of tourists visiting Sharp Island in recent years, the capacity of the old pier had become insufficient to cater for the needs. In view of this, the SKDC proposed to reconstruct Sharp Island Pier through the SPS by extending the length and depth of the berth, and improving the berthing facilities of the pier for convenient access by tourists.

The new pier provides two berthing locations and basic marine facilities such as mooring dolphins, fenders and navigation lights. It is also equipped with ancillary facilities including a shelter, lighting, railings and chairs for the convenience of tourists.

Other officiating guests of the opening ceremony included the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; the Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Mr Ricky Lau; the Chairman of the Signature Project Scheme Committee under the SKDC, Mr Francis Chau; and the District Officer (Sai Kung), Mr David Chiu.



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## [Fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan](#)

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan in the small hours today (June 9) in which a 27-year-old man died.

At about 1.34am, a motorcycle driven by the 27-year-old man was travelling along Island Eastern Corridor towards Chai Wan. When approaching Shun Tai Road, it reportedly lost control and rammed into barriers.

Sustaining multiple injuries, the motorcyclist was sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 6.20am.

Investigation will be conducted by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3660 6800.

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## [Two central recruitment days under e-Learning Support Scheme to be held by Labour Department in June](#)

The Labour Department (LD) is going to launch a training-cum-employment project named the e-Learning Support Scheme (eLSS) under the Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP). Two central recruitment days will be held on June 12 and 26.

In order to facilitate the further development of electronic learning in secondary and primary schools as well as kindergartens, several youth training projects under the Campus Series were consolidated into the eLSS in 2015 by the YETP. The eLSS aims to provide pre-employment and on-the-job training for young people who seek to pursue their career in the sectors of information technology, education and multimedia, and help pave the way to a promising future from school to work.

Last year, with support from over 100 schools across the territory, 60 young people were employed under the eLSS to undergo 12-month on-the-job training with pay in September 2018 after pre-employment training.

As the eLSS was well received by both schools and young people, the YETP is relaunching the project this year, providing vacancies under the post of eLearning Support Officer. Two central recruitment days will be held in June for young people to receive job referrals and attend on-the-spot interviews with details as follows:

Date: June 12 (Wednesday) and June 26 (Wednesday)

Time: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

(Different schools in the two sessions)

Venue: G/F, YMCA College of Careers, 23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon

(Entrance in Pitt Street, near MTR Yau Ma Tei Station Exit A2)

Interested young people are invited to visit the dedicated website [www.yes.labour.gov.hk/Employers/EmpJOBelss/Index](http://www.yes.labour.gov.hk/Employers/EmpJOBelss/Index), or call the hotline at 2382 1310 for more details on the central recruitment days.

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## [Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (June 11) to consider four applications for new issue, renewal and transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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Catch in Kennedy Town

Drop in Central

Bar Pacific in Aberdeen

New Territories:

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133 LOUNGE in Tai Po

The board will also consider revoking the liquor licence of Hot Shot in Repulse Bay.

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.