#### Red flag hoisted at Lower Cheung Sha Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 20) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

## Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the service demand surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

#### <u>Transcript of remarks by Acting SFH at</u> <u>media session</u>

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Acting Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Chui Tak-yi, at a media session after attending the Sham Shui Po Festival today (May 19):

Reporter: ......the slaughterhouses as well as the supply chain? What is the latest arrangement with the Tusen Wan Slaughterhouse now?

Acting Secretary for Food and Health: For the resumption of supply of live pigs from the Mainland, we have already communicated with the relevant

Mainland department so the approval has been given to the import of live pigs to Hong Kong. The cleansing and disinfection process of the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse had been completed last night. Today, (so far), we know about 1 300 pigs from local pig farms have been transferred to Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse and about 600 pigs are in the Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse. Very likely tomorrow the slaughtering process will proceed and the supply of live pigs to Hong Kong will resume very soon.

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

### HAD opens temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department has opened 19 temporary night heat shelters for people in need of the service.

The shelters will remain open until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2835 1473.

The 19 temporary night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western —
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

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 Districts:

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 Sham Shui Po

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 Districts:

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

The temporary night heat shelters will resume their functions as either community centres or community halls in the daytime for hire by the local community and cannot continue to be open as heat shelters. People may choose to take refuge from the heat during the daytime in the common areas in any of the 20 designated community centres or community halls. Their opening hours are from 9am to 10pm. For addresses of the community centres or community halls, please browse the following webpage:

www.had.gov.hk/file\_manager/en/documents/public\_services/emergency\_services/L
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# Launch ceremony for Eye Examination Scheme under Southern District Signature Project Scheme held today (with photo)

A launch ceremony for the Eye Examination Scheme under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Southern District was held at Wah Kwai Community Centre, Wah Kwai Estate, Aberdeen today (May 19).

To enhance district administration, the Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council to implement one or two large scale SPS projects to address local needs. The Southern District Council (SDC) endorsed two projects, one of which is the Eye Examination Scheme.

The Scheme will provide one-time free ophthalmic examination services to residents of Southern District who are aged 50 or above starting from May 20,

to facilitate early identification of optical abnormalities and encourage a habit of receiving regular ophthalmic examinations. The University of Hong Kong (HKU) will act as a partner in implementing the Eye Examination Scheme.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, thanked the SDC, members of the community and HKU for their support for the SPS. He said he hoped that the scheme would enhance residents' understanding of ophthalmic healthcare and common eye diseases.

Other officiating guests at the ceremony included the Chairman of the SDC, Dr Chu Ching-hong; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; the District Officer (Southern), Mrs Dorothy Ma; the Associate Dean (Clinical Affairs) of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of HKU, Professor Joseph Lui; and the Clinical Chair Professor of Department of Ophthalmology of HKU, Professor Jimmy Lai.

