

## Permanent Secretary for Security reviews CSD passing-out parade

The Permanent Secretary for Security, Mrs Marion Lai, today (May 10) officiated at the passing-out parade of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) at the Staff Training Institute in Stanley, in which 24 Officers and 110 Assistant Officers II graduated.

At the parade, the correctional officers marched past the reviewing officer with a collective spirit of high morale, demonstrating self-confidence, team spirit and enthusiasm as correctional officers.

The newly recruited Officers and Assistant Officers II have undergone 26 and 23 weeks' training respectively. One Officer was awarded the Principal's Shield while four Assistant Officers II were awarded the Golden Whistle for outstanding performance.

Two graduates spoke to the media after the parade. Among them was Officer Mr Nestor Wong, who is the Hong Kong junior record holder for the half marathon. He said he will use his persevering spirit as an athlete to motivate persons in custody not to give up and turn over a new leaf with courage.

Assistant Officer II Mr Nabeel Mohammad, who is of Pakistani descent and was born in Hong Kong, hopes to become a bridge for communication with South Asian persons in custody so as to reduce misunderstanding from cultural differences and help them adapt to institutional life as soon as possible.

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## Update on number of dengue fever cases

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (May 10) reported the latest number of cases of dengue fever (DF), and again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

From May 3 to 9, the CHP confirmed three imported DF cases. The patients had been to Thailand (one case), Sri Lanka (one case) and Vietnam (one case) during the incubation period.

As of yesterday (May 9), 45 cases had been confirmed this year, all of which were imported. The cases were mainly imported from Indonesia (nine), Malaysia (nine) and Thailand (eight).

DF remains endemic in some areas of Asia and beyond. The latest figures

for 2019 reveal that 19 503 cases had been recorded in Thailand, 67 106 in the Philippines (which was 1.9 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018), 43 065 in Malaysia (which was 2.2 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018), 3 121 in Singapore (since December 30, 2018), 57 880 in Vietnam (which was 3.3 times the number of cases reported in the same period in 2018) and 96 in Japan. In the Americas, the latest figures indicate that 12 900 cases were filed in Mexico in 2019.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing loose, light-coloured, long-sleeved tops and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or exposed parts of the body when doing outdoor activities.

To reduce the risk of infections spread by mosquitoes, apart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from areas affected by DF and Zika virus infection should apply insect repellent for 14 days or at least 21 days respectively upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor. DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children\*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

\* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged two months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public may refer to the CHP's [tips for using insect repellents](#) for details.

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## Talk on Foreign Investment Law of the People's Republic of China held (with photos)

The talk on the Foreign Investment Law of the People's Republic of China, which was adopted at the 2nd Session of the 13th National People's Congress on March 15, 2019, and will be implemented in the Mainland on January 1, 2020, was held today (May 10) for government officials of Hong Kong and stakeholders to understand more about this Law. The talk was jointly held by the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL) at Justice Place.

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, first gave welcoming remarks at the talk. The Assistant Minister of Commerce, Mr Li Chenggang, then gave a presentation on the rationales for enacting the Foreign Investment Law, its key features, how to fully implement the Foreign Investment Law and how to create a better business environment for investment from Hong Kong. During the question-and-answer session of the talk, the Chairman of the AAIL, Mr Anthony Neoh, SC, had exchanges with Mr Li on issues on the Foreign Investment Law that are of interest to the participants. The talk successfully enhanced the participants' understanding of the Foreign Investment Law.

The Foreign Investment Law aims to promote foreign investment, protect the legitimate interests of foreign investment and standardise the management of foreign investment. The Hong Kong community generally welcomes the Foreign Investment Law.

Over 140 people, including senior government officials, representatives from local and foreign chambers of commerce, business leaders, professionals and arbitration institutions attended the talk.

One of the key policy initiatives of the DoJ is to enhance Hong Kong's status as the regional legal services and dispute resolution centre. The DoJ is committed to assisting Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution services professionals to seek new opportunities in the Mainland, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and countries along the Belt and Road Initiative, and to strengthen co-operation and mutual benefits under the advantage of "one country, two systems".



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## Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 10) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay\*).

Sixteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 21 as Fair (Grade 2) and two as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Deep Water Bay Beach  
Discovery Bay  
Hap Mun Bay Beach  
Hung Shing Yeh Beach  
Kwun Yam Beach  
Lo So Shing Beach  
Lower Cheung Sha Beach  
Pui O Beach

Repulse Bay Beach  
Shek O Beach  
South Bay Beach  
St Stephen's Beach  
Stanley Main Beach  
Tong Fuk Beach  
Trio Beach  
Upper Cheung Sha Beach

Grade 2 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach  
Approach Beach  
Big Wave Bay Beach  
Butterfly Beach

Golden Beach  
Kadoorie Beach  
Kiu Tsui Beach  
Lido Beach

Cafeteria New Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Middle Bay Beach
Casam Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	Silverstrand Beach
Chung Hom Kok Beach	Ting Kau Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Turtle Cove Beach
Clear Water Bay Second Beach	

Grade 3 beaches are:

Castle Peak Beach	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
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\* Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

Compared with the grading released last week, Chung Hom Kok Beach and Kiu Tsui Beach have been changed from Grade 1 to Grade 2, and Castle Peak Beach and Hoi Mei Wan Beach from Grade 2 to Grade 3.

"The changes are generally within the normal range of fluctuation of the bacteriological water quality of the beaches," an EPD spokesman said.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

While the ratings represent the general water quality at the beaches, the EPD spokesman reminded members of the public that water quality could be temporarily affected during and after periods of heavy rain. Bathers should avoid swimming at beaches for up to three days after a storm or heavy rainfall.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's website on Beach Water Quality ([www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach)) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

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## [Granting of Stored Value Facility](#)

# Licences

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (May 10) that the Monetary Authority has granted Stored Value Facility (SVF) licences to the following SVF issuers under the Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Ordinance:

SVF Licensee	SVF Licence Number	Licence Effective Date
Yintran Group Holdings Limited	SVF0014	May 10, 2019
Geoswift Cards Services Limited	SVF0015	May 10, 2019

Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Howard Lee, said, "The SVF industry has been growing since the implementation of the SVF licensing regime in 2016. We hope the existing as well as the new licensees will continue to launch new services to bring more convenience and choices to consumers and merchants, and to promote diversity in the payment ecosystem of Hong Kong."

There are currently 15 non-bank SVF licensees including the above two, and three licensed banks are also operating SVFs. The latest SVF licensees list is set out in the "Register of Stored Value Facility Licensees" on the HKMA website

(URL: [www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/regulatory-regime-for-svf-and-rps/regulation-of-svf/register-of-svf-licensees.shtml](http://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/regulatory-regime-for-svf-and-rps/regulation-of-svf/register-of-svf-licensees.shtml)).