

## Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (March 10) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## CDF marks 10th anniversary and guides over 17 000 grassroots children to plan for their future

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (March 9) officiated at the Child Development Fund (CDF) 10th Anniversary Ceremony and reviewed its achievements in the last decade. Over 800 children and their mentors and family members as well as representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools attended the ceremony.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, and the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Chairperson of the Steering Committee on the CDF, Ms Chang King-yiu, Mrs Lam joined members of the Steering Committee to host the launch ceremony for new project batches. The 37 new projects, comprising 27 seventh-batch projects operated by NGOs and 10 fifth-batch school-based projects, include three key components, namely personal development plans, mentorships and targeted savings, to help guide over 2 500 grassroots children and youths in total. Including the new projects, the CDF has so far launched 193 projects, bringing the cumulative number of participants to over 17 000.

In addition, Mrs Lam presented long service awards to volunteer mentors, project operators and supporting organisations at the ceremony to give recognition to their continued participation in and support for CDF projects in the last decade.

A graduation ceremony was also held for some 3 300 project graduates under fifth-batch projects operated by NGOs and second-batch school-based

projects. Dr Law and Ms Chang delivered certificates of recognition to project operators, outstanding mentors, strategic partners and supporting organisations following their project completion. Awards of the "#Thank You Mentor" Video Contest in which graduates sent their regards to mentors via videos were presented. Graduates also staged music and magic performances and shared details of their experience in past activities at the graduation ceremony.

The CDF celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2018, which included a series of experiential programmes in collaboration with public and private organisations to broaden the horizons of grassroots children and youths. Programmes held include athletics training, a virtual reality game on money management, internships in information and communications technology, robotics workshops, simulation of working on board aircraft, and the 10th anniversary signature programme "Dream Cruises", which took grassroots children on a cruise journey.

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## [Transcript of remarks by FS \(with photo/video\)](#)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, at a media session after attending a radio programme this morning (March 9):

Reporter: Secretary, are you concerned that the extradition arrangement, if passed, would affect foreign investment? And also, can explaining more to these business leaders really help soothe their concerns regarding the lack of confidence in Mainland legal system? Second question, can Hong Kong...

Financial Secretary: Let me deal with the first one first. I have heard the concerns raised by the business community. I would like to make a couple of points. Firstly, the reason or the justification for the extradition must be an act that is considered to be criminal in both Hong Kong and the jurisdiction where this act has been committed. That is, it must be criminal in nature in both jurisdictions. Secondly, the court in Hong Kong will be the gatekeeper as there will be a court procedure in deciding whether the extradition is allowed. And there is full right of appeal for the individual concerned. And thirdly, the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, will try to explain further and more so as to remove any misunderstanding, and he is in the process of collating views and suggestions. These concerns surely will be brought to his attention. In taking the matter forward, he will give these concerns due consideration.

Reporter: Can Hong Kong really survive if the US cancels the Hong Kong Policy Act? Because Hong Kong might no longer be separate customs entity and our

link ex-change system might be affected as well...

Financial Secretary: I don't think we should speculate too much at this stage. The report has not been published yet and the US also has significant business interest in Hong Kong. And for us in Hong Kong, we have over the past decades gone through a lot of different challenges. We are very resilient. We will be able to rise to any challenge.

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



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## [Opening ceremony of Eastern District Cultural Square under Signature Project Scheme held](#)

The opening ceremony of the Eastern District Cultural Square under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Eastern District was held at Tam Kung Temple Road in Shau Kei Wan today (March 9).

To enhance district administration, the Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million for each District Council under the SPS for the implementation of signature projects upon its endorsement, so as to better address local needs. The Cultural Square is situated at the junction of Tam Kung Temple Road, Tung Hei Road and Oi Lai Street, and is adjacent to the Aldrich Bay Promenade. Equipped with a covered main stage and a small stage, the Cultural Square can accommodate over 600 spectators, and has more than 2 000 square metres of greening space. It links up with the Aldrich Bay Promenade, thereby expanding the leisure area of the promenade. It will also help revitalise the surrounding areas and enhance accessibility for the area near the Tam Kung Temple in Shau Kei Wan.

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam; the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan; and other guests officiated at the plaque unveiling ceremony of the Cultural Square, marking its official opening and the

commencement of a two-day event featuring a variety show and a carnival.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Mr Chan said that the SPS demonstrates the great importance that the Government attaches to district aspirations and provides support for district work. The Cultural Square will create a new harbourfront area for Eastern District and enhance the cultural atmosphere of the community, he said, adding that it will become an important venue for cultural performances and recreation in the district. Mr Chan also commended the contributions of the Eastern District Council (EDC), the Eastern District Office, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Architectural Services Department and other departments concerned in implementing the project.

Other officiating guests included the Chairman of the EDC, Mr Wong Kin-pan; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li; the Director of Architectural Services, Mrs Sylvia Lam; the District Officer (Eastern), Mr Simon Chan; the Vice-Chairman of the EDC, Mr Chiu Chi-keung; the Chairman of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District under the EDC, Mr Kung Pak-cheung; and the Vice-Chairman of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District, Mr Leung Kwok-hung.

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## **Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin tomorrow**

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting tomorrow (March 10).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.