

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (February 24).

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.

Drawing on new animation talent

Local animation start-ups and small enterprises that participated in the 6th Animation Support Program are set to premiere their work on March 5. Launched in 2012, the programme provides comprehensive support to animators to enhance the quality of Hong Kong's animation industry.

News.gov.hk spoke to two of the participants and the Hong Kong Animation & Cultural Association's General Secretary to find out how the programme helps local animators build up their businesses.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (February 24) in both text and video format.

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 winter 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.

Hong Kong Flower Show tickets available from February 25

Admission tickets for the Hong Kong Flower Show 2019 will be available for sale from tomorrow (February 25) until March 22 at the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s District Leisure Services Offices and also from tomorrow until March 24 through the mobile application "Tap & Go". Tickets will also be sold at the entrance to the Victoria Park showground throughout the show period. Payment by Octopus is also accepted for admission.

This year's flower show will be held in Victoria Park for 10 days from March 15 to 24 from 9am to 9pm daily, featuring "When Dreams Blossom" as the main theme and with the Chinese hibiscus as the theme flower.

Admission fees for the flower show are as follows:

Normal rate: \$14

Concessionary rate: \$7

- Children aged 4 to 14 and full-time students
- Senior citizens aged 60 or above
- Persons with disabilities and their accompanying carer (each person can enjoy the concessionary rate with one accompanying carer only)

Concessionary rate from Monday to Friday:

- Free admission for senior citizens aged 60 or above
- Free admission for persons with disabilities and their accompanying carer (each person can enjoy the concessionary rate with one accompanying carer only)
- A half-rate concession is offered to adults in groups of 30 or more entering the venue together

In addition to this year's theme flower and other flowering plants, the event will showcase a rich profusion of exquisite potted plants, beautiful floral arrangements and gorgeous landscape displays by local, Mainland and overseas organisations. Commercial stalls will sell flowers and horticultural products at the venue.

A rich diversity of educational and recreational fringe activities will also be organised for the enjoyment of visitors of all ages.

For enquiries, please call 2601 8260 or visit the flower show webpage www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2019/index.html.

The flower show is organised by the LCSD. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust is supporting the flower show for the seventh consecutive year and has been the Major Sponsor of the flower show since 2014.

Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand 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 (February 24) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.