

[Labour Department to regularly publish conviction records on contravention of safety legislation](#)

The Labour Department (LD), starting from today (December 14), will upload to its homepage (www.labour.gov.hk) the conviction records in respect of contraventions of occupational safety and health (OSH) legislation for public inspection with a view to raising the OSH awareness of the industry and the community at large.

A spokesman for the LD said, "The LD's homepage will list the conviction records of duty-holders in the past two years in respect of their contraventions of the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance (Cap. 56), the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59), the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) and their subsidiary regulations, including the names of the convicted companies, offence locations, dates of offence, regulations involved, brief descriptions of offences, dates of judgment and sentences. According to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486), the above published information will not include the names of the convicted persons."

The spokesman added, "The new arrangement will help the relevant stakeholders and the public grasp the duty-holders' compliance conditions on OSH legislation. The LD will update the information every three months."

For any enquiries, please call the LD's Legal Services Division at 2852 3716.

[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 (December 14) 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.

Labour Department highly concerned about fatal work accident that happened today

The Labour Department (LD) is highly concerned about the work accident that happened in Sham Shui Po today (December 13), in which a scaffolding worker fell from height at a residential building and sustained fatal injury. The LD is saddened by the death of the worker and has expressed its deepest sympathy to the victim's family.

The LD's spokesman said, "We commenced immediate on-site investigation as soon as we were notified of the accident and will issue suspension notices to the contractors/employer involved to suspend the use, erection, alteration and dismantling of truss-out scaffolds concerned. The contractors/employer cannot resume the work process until the LD is satisfied that measures to abate the relevant risk have been taken."

The spokesman added, "We will complete investigation as soon as possible to identify the cause of the accident, ascertain the liability of the duty holders and recommend improvement measures. We will take actions pursuant to the law if there is any violation of the work safety legislation."

The general duty provisions of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance require employers to provide safe working environments, safe plant and safe systems of work for their employees. Those who contravene the above provisions are liable to a maximum fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for six months.

In regard to today's accident, the LD will issue a Work Safety Alert through its website and email, giving a brief account of the accident concerned to duty holders, workers' unions, professional bodies of safety practitioners and others, and reminding the industry of the importance of following safety precautionary measures to prevent recurrence of similar accidents.

The LD will also remind the employer concerned of the liability for employees' compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, assist family members of the deceased to claim employees' compensation and closely follow up on the case. For those with financial difficulties, the LD will assist them to apply for appropriate emergency funds. Subject to the needs and wishes of family members of the deceased, the LD will also liaise with the Social Welfare Department for financial or other assistance.

For the sake of securing the safety and health of employees at work, the LD appeals to employers to provide plant and systems of work that are safe and without risks to health. Employees should co-operate with their

employers, adopt all safety measures and use personal protective equipment provided properly to avoid endangering their own work safety and that of other workers.

Land and Development Advisory Committee holds meeting

The Land and Development Advisory Committee (LDAC) held its first meeting today (December 13) since the commencement of its new term on July 1, 2018. Members were briefed on the Buildings Department's proposal to develop an Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) for centralised processing of electronic building plans, documents, and applications under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123). The LDAC was also briefed by the Development Bureau (DEVB) on two applications under the facilitation scheme for provision of pedestrian links by the private sector in areas outside Kowloon East (the Scheme) and the progress of the Energizing Kowloon East (EKE) initiatives.

Members took note of the benefits brought by the ESH, which could allow building professionals to submit, and relevant departments and authorities to process plans and documents on the same electronic platform. Apart from streamlining development approval process, members also noted that the ESH would facilitate the greater and fuller use of Building Information Modelling technology for private development projects. Members were supportive of the proposal, and raised various pertinent concerns on future operation of submission of building plans, cyber security, etc. They also suggested in the longer term, exploring the possibility of connecting the proposed hub with other development-related processing systems of the Government. Members noted that DEVB planned to consult the Legislative Council Panel on Development on December 19 on the proposal and seek funding approval from the Finance Committee thereafter.

The two applications under the Scheme involve the provision of three pedestrian links in Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui (location plans are at Annex). Taking into account assessment results based on the Scheme's established evaluation mechanism, members considered that the proposed pedestrian links could benefit the community by improving walkability of the locality. Overall, members generally supported DEVB's recommendations to waive the premium payable for lease modifications arising from the construction of the three proposed pedestrian links under the two applications. With the LDAC's support, the recommendations for premium waiver will be duly submitted to the Executive Council for consideration.

Members were briefed on the implementation of the EKE initiatives, which focus on such aspects as enhancing connectivity, improving the environment, unleashing development potential, smart city development, and also the

extension of the initiatives to the San Po Kong Business Area. Members noted the report and expressed appreciation of Energizing Kowloon East Office's ongoing work. They also shared their views on traffic and parking issues, connectivity in Kowloon East and promotion of water sports activities.

[Hong Kong Immigration Department wins Radiant Pioneer Award \(with photo\)](#)

The Smart Departure, a self-service departure for visitors to Hong Kong, of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) has won the Radiant Pioneer Award from the Asia Pacific Smart Card Association (APSCA). The Award aims to recognise pioneering applications of smart technology in public sector identity schemes for the provision of quality services to visitors. The trophy was received during a presentation ceremony yesterday (December 12) at the 5th Border Management and Identity Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

ImmD first launched the Smart Departure at Hong Kong International Airport on October 10, 2017, and the service was extended to other control points on December 18, 2017. By employing face recognition technology for identity verification, Smart Departure facilitates self-service departure for eligible visitors without the need of prior enrolment. It has been providing greater travel convenience for visitors while enhancing the effectiveness of immigration control.

ImmD extends its gratitude to APSCA for presenting the award to the Smart Departure and its recognition for the innovation of ImmD. In the future, ImmD will continue its efforts on introducing state of the art technologies and providing quality services to passengers.

