

## SHA and SDEV visit Islands District (with photos)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, and the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, visited Islands District today (December 7) to meet with members of the District Council and teenagers. They also inspected the proposed site for Cheung Chau Community Hall.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Islands), Mr Anthony Li, Mr Lau and Mr Wong first met with the Chairman of the Islands District Council (IDC), Mr Chow Yuk-tong, and IDC members to exchange views on district matters.

Mr Lau and Mr Wong then went to the Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre and exchanged views with local teenagers on youth and development matters. The centre provides a variety of activities and services for children and youths aged 6 to 24 in the district to cultivate their sense of responsibility, develop their interests and boost skills training.

Before concluding the visit, the two Directors of Bureaux proceeded to the proposed site for Cheung Chau Community Hall at Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road, and were briefed by staff from the Islands District Office on the project details. The Government announced in this year's Budget that \$8 billion has been set aside to speed up the progress of district facilities projects to meet the rising expectations of the public. The proposed work of Islands District is the construction of Cheung Chau Community Hall, which will provide an additional event venue in the district. Space will also be reserved there for a Home Affairs Enquiry Centre.



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## Meetings of Legislative Council and

## its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) and its Committees will hold 14 open meetings, two public hearings and three closed meetings during the week from December 10 to 15 December 2018 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meetings are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo and its Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

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## Secretary for Justice visits Sai Kung District

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, visited Sai Kung District today (December 7) to call on a secondary school in Tseung Kwan O and meet with District Council members.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Sai Kung District Council, Mr George Ng, and the District Officer (Sai Kung), Mr David Chiu, Ms Cheng visited Carmel Divine Grace Foundation Secondary School. She was briefed by staff on how their students took part in the Mock Trial – Justice Education Project. A mock trial competition and other related educational activities are arranged for secondary school students under the Project to enhance their understanding of Hong Kong's judicial system, rule of law and civic responsibility.

Ms Cheng observed students participating in simulated court proceedings and chatted with them. She encouraged students to continue joining various activities to strengthen their thinking and communication skills.

Ms Cheng then met with members of the Sai Kung District Council and exchanged views on issues of concern.

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## **Company and manager sentenced to fine and community service for wage offences and default on Labour Tribunal awarded payment**

Eagle Development (Holdings) Company Limited and its manager were prosecuted by the Labour Department (LD) for failing to pay wages to an employee and defaulting on a sum awarded by the Labour Tribunal (LT) as required by the Employment Ordinance (EO). The company and its manager earlier pleaded guilty at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts and were sentenced respectively to a fine of \$5,000 and 120 hours' community service today (December 7). Both defendants were ordered to pay a sum of about \$42,000 via the court to the employee.

The company failed to pay an employee wages within seven days after the expiry of the last day of wage periods and termination of employment. The company also failed to pay the employee the awarded sum of about \$42,000 in total within 14 days after the date set out by the terms of the LT award in accordance with the EO. The manager concerned was convicted for his consent, connivance or neglect in the above offences.

â€‹"The ruling helps disseminate a strong message to all employers and responsible officers of companies that they have to pay wages to employees within the time limit stipulated in the EO and the awarded sums according to the terms of the awards of the LT or the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board. The LD will not tolerate these offences and will continue to make dedicated efforts in enforcing the EO and safeguarding employees' statutory rights," a spokesman for the LD said.

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## **STH visits Yau Tsim Mong District**

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, visited Yau Tsim Mong District this afternoon (December 7) to view the West Kowloon Corridor and the pedestrian footbridge at Mong Kok Road, and meet with local District Council members.

Accompanied by the Chairman of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council, Mr Chris Ip, and the District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong), Mrs Laura Aron, Mr Chan first visited Tak Sun School. He was briefed on the school facilities and

observed students attending class.

Mr Chan then proceeded to Tai Kok Tsui to learn more about the noise problem at the West Kowloon Corridor. He was briefed by Highways Department officers on the follow-up actions.

After that, Mr Chan went to the pedestrian footbridge at Mong Kok Road where Highways Department officers updated him on the works progress of the extension of the footbridge system straddling Nathan Road.

Before concluding his visit, Mr Chan met with members of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council to exchange views on local transport and housing issues.