

Tenders invited for separate tenancies of government properties

The Government Property Agency is inviting separate tenders for five-year tenancy of (i) Shop No. 505, (ii) Shop No. 506, (iii) Shop No. 507, (iv) Shop No. 508, (v) Shop No. 509 and (vi) Shop No. 510, 1/F, Passenger Clearance Building, 33 Shun Fai Road, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port, Lantau.

The premises should only be used for general retail and service purposes (excluding the sale of cigarettes, cigars or other tobacco products).

The tender notices were uploaded today (November 30) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 31/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to inspect the sites should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7697 on or before December 7 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box at the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, before noon on January 8, 2019. Late tenders will not be accepted.

Postal services to New South Wales in Australia subject to delay

Hongkong Post announced today (November 30) that, as advised by the postal administration of Australia, due to the impact of severe weather, all mail delivery services to New South Wales (postcodes 2XXX, 1695 and 3129) are subject to delay.

Clear Water Bay Second Beach to reopen

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 (LCSD) announced today (November 30) that Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District will reopen tomorrow (December 1). The beach was temporarily closed earlier for clearance of debris and fallen trees as well as repairs of the shark prevention net and beach facilities after the typhoon.

Lifeguard services at Clear Water Bay Second Beach will be available from 8am to 5pm daily from tomorrow to March 31, 2019.

The LCSD calls on members of the public to observe water safety while swimming. People should swim at beaches only when lifeguard services are available. Please do not enter the water when the red flag is hoisted.

Speech by S for IT at Hong Kong International Artificial Intelligence Summit 2018 (English only) (with photo)

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, at the Hong Kong International Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit 2018 today (November 30):

Professor Zhang (President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Professor Zhang Xiang), Professor Qiu (President of Tsinghua University, Professor Qiu Yong), Professor Tan (Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mr Tan Tieniu), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. I am honoured to join you here at the Hong Kong International Artificial Intelligence Summit 2018.

It is most timely for the University of Hong Kong and Tsinghua University to work together to discuss the future of AI, an important topic

for all human beings. I am also pleased to know that the two universities are planning a new co-teaching programme on computer science with AI elements. Such a programme would help nurture more talent and promote closer collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the area of AI.

AI is very much under the spotlight in the global arena of innovation and technology today. The impact of AI can now be seen from hotline chatbot to driverless vehicles to AlphaGo. AI has fundamentally changed the way we live, work and communicate.

The major driving force of AI today is big data with data analytics. Big data is made possible by the significant decrease in computer memory pricing, the increase in computing power over the past few decades, and by the advancement in cloud computing and ubiquitous Internet connectivity.

Data analytics, together with AI and big data, can help humans deal more effectively with uncertainty, and make better decisions. More importantly, the adoption of AI and robotics technology releases human capital from difficult, dangerous and dirty jobs, so that humans can focus on better and higher value-added work, thereby driving business growth, increasing productivity, and improving our daily living.

Hong Kong is well positioned to develop AI and transform itself into a regional AI hub. We have one of the world's best infrastructure, open and efficient market, agile and creative talents, free flow of information, as well as excellent global connectivity, with mobile and broadband penetration rates among the highest in the world.

Moreover, according to Scopus, universities in Hong Kong as a whole ranked number three globally in terms of producing the most highly cited and impactful research on AI.

Industry in Hong Kong has started to develop products and services based on AI, such as computer vision and cloud computing platforms in the areas of facial recognition, large-scale semantic image segmentation and classification. One of our local unicorn start-ups, SenseTime, has been entrusted by the national Ministry of Science and Technology to establish the National Open Innovation Platform for Next Generation Artificial Intelligence on Intelligent Vision, the fifth member of China's AI national team, following Alibaba, Baidu, Tencent and iFlyTek.

We are also working at full steam to build a research cluster focusing on AI and robotics technologies in the Hong Kong Science Park. We aim to pool together the world's top scientific institutions and technology enterprises to collaborate with our local universities and research institutions. This cluster will commence operation in the second half of next year.

Last but not least, I am sure our distinguished speakers and guests will further share with us and enlighten us with their insights on AI at the Summit. I wish the Summit today a great success.

Thank you very much.



[Proposed footbridge in Sham Shui Po gazetted](#)

The Government gazetted today (November 30) the proposed construction of a covered footbridge at the junction of Sham Mong Road and Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po to provide infrastructure necessary to serve the existing and future developments in the vicinity.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Sham Shui Po Home Affairs Enquiry Centre
G/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,
10/F, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building,
250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices,

2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);

- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than January 29, 2019.