

# Occupational safety and health training courses open for applications

The Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre of the Labour Department (LD) will launch a wide range of occupational safety and health training courses in the first half of 2019. The courses aim at enhancing the working population's understanding of the legal requirements and standards stipulated under occupational safety regulations, and their awareness of occupational health.

The training courses cover a wide range of topics, including:

1. Major Safety Regulations related to Industrial Accident Prevention
2. Major Health Regulations related to Industrial Accident Prevention
3. Safety Management Regulation cum Safety Inspection Programme and Accident/Incident Investigation
4. Safety Regulations related to Risk Assessment
5. Major Safety Regulations related to Accident Prevention in Office Work
6. Safety Regulations on Working in times of Inclement Weather and Hot Environment
7. A Brief Introduction to Safety Regulations related to Working on Construction Sites cum a Brief Introduction to Codes of Practice related to Working on Construction Sites
8. Safety Regulations on Working at Height and a Brief Introduction to Safety Regulations related to Electrical Work on Construction Sites cum Codes of Practice on Scaffolds
9. Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear Regulations cum Codes of Practice for Safe Use of Cranes
10. Major Safety Regulations related to Renovation, Maintenance, Alteration and Addition Works
11. Major Safety Regulations related to Working in the Catering Trade
12. Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and Regulation
13. Safety Regulations on Manual Handling Operations
14. Dangerous Substances Regulations
15. Health Hints on the Use of Computer cum More Exercise Smart Work
16. Occupational Stress Workshop
17. First Aid in the Workplace (Including demonstration and practice of bandaging)
18. Strategies for the Prevention of Occupational Diseases cum Work and Healthy Lifestyle

The courses will mainly be conducted in Cantonese at the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre, 13/F, KOLOUR Tsuen Wan I, 68 Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan. Enrolment is free.

Application forms are available at the training centre or offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the LD. They can also be downloaded from the department's website ([www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/form.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/form.htm)). For

enquiry, please call 2940 7057.

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## **Government proposes to reconstruct Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island**

The Government proposes to implement full-scale reconstruction of the Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island to enhance the safety of pier users while boarding and alighting vessels. The extent of the area of foreshore and sea-bed affected is described in a notice published in the [Government Gazette](#) today (November 30).

As the geographical location of the existing pier is prone to strong monsoons and sea swell, which makes it difficult for vessels to berth and causes inconvenience to pier users, the government proposes to reconstruct the Pak Kok Pier within an area of approximately 9 670 square metres of foreshore and sea-bed at the northern part of Lamma Island. The proposed works are scheduled to commence in the second half of 2019 and to be completed in 2021.

The notice and its related plan are posted near the site. The plan is also available for inspection at:

- \* Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong) (where copies can be purchased on order);
- \* Islands District Office (20/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong); and
- \* Lands Department's website ([www.landsd.gov.hk](http://www.landsd.gov.hk)) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and sea-bed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned date, i.e. on or before January 30, 2019. The notice of such objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or she will be allegedly affected.

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# Schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between December 2018 and February 2019. The schedules for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2018 and 2019 were provided to the media in September 2017 and September 2018 respectively. No change has been made to the original schedule.

December 2018

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Date	Press Release
6	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for third quarter 2018
10	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for third quarter 2018
11	Construction output statistics for third quarter 2018
11	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for third quarter 2018
14	Index of industrial production and producer price index for the industrial sector for third quarter 2018
17	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for third quarter 2018
18	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for September – November 2018
18	Employment and vacancies statistics for September 2018
20	Consumer Price Index for November 2018
20	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for October 2018
20	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for third quarter 2018
21	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for third quarter 2018

27 External merchandise trade statistics for November 2018

28 Wage and payroll statistics for September 2018

January 2019

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Date	Press Release
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3	Retail sales statistics for November 2018
17 – December 2018	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for October
17	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for November 2018
18	Business expectations for first quarter 2019
22	Consumer Price Index for December 2018
28	External merchandise trade statistics for December 2018
30	Retail sales statistics for December 2018

February 2019

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Date	Press Release
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1	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for fourth quarter 2018
19	Year-end population for 2018
19	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for December 2018
21	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for November 2018 – January 2019
22	Consumer Price Index for January 2019
26	External merchandise trade statistics for January 2019
27	Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter 2018 and the whole year of 2018 :
	data contained in the Budget supporting documents
(Note)	

Note: The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the fourth quarter of 2018 and the whole year of 2018 together with other supporting materials will be released along with the Financial Secretary's "Budget Speech". According to the Financial Secretary's Office, the Budget is scheduled to be delivered on 27 February 2019. No separate press release on the GDP for the fourth quarter of 2018 and the whole year of 2018 will be issued by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) on that day.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2019 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department ([www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\\_release/index.jsp](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp)).

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## **Proposed transport infrastructure works in Diamond Hill gazetted**

The Government gazetted today (November 30) the proposed transport infrastructure works at the Diamond Hill Comprehensive Development Area and its vicinity to cater for the anticipated increase in traffic flow and pedestrian movement arising from the various developments.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans 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

Wong Tai Sin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
Unit 201, 2/F, Lung Cheung Office Block,  
138 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon

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

The gazette notice, scheme, plans and location plan will be available at [www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm](http://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](mailto: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.

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## **HK, India tax treaty in force**

The Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (CDTA) between Hong Kong and India has entered into force, a government spokesman said today (November 30).

The CDTA, which was signed in March this year, is the 39th CDTA signed by Hong Kong. It came into force on November 30, 2018 after the completion of ratification procedures on both sides. It will have effect in respect of Hong Kong tax for any year of assessment beginning on or after April 1, 2019.

India was the 7th largest trading partner of Hong Kong in 2017. The CDTA will bring a greater degree of certainty on taxation liabilities for those who engage in cross-border business activities, and help promote bilateral trade and investment activities.