

Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 5) released the latest grading of water quality of 38 gazetted beaches* that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay**).

Twenty beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 18 as Fair (Grade 2) and one as Poor (Grade 3).

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Grade 2 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Golden Beach
Approach Beach	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
Big Wave Bay Beach	Kadoorie Beach
Butterfly Beach	Lido Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Pui O Beach
Castle Peak Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Silverstrand Beach
Clear Water Bay Second Beach	Ting Kau Beach

Grade 3 beach is:

Casam Beach

* The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on September 17 that, due to urgent clearance work and maintenance of shark prevention nets after the Typhoon Mangkhut, all beaches in Southern, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Islands and Sai Kung Districts are temporarily closed until further notice.

** Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

*** The Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works recently damaged by typhoon is under repair. The public is advised to avoid water contact recreational activities at Kiu Tsui Beach, Trio Beach and Hap Mun Bay Beach where water quality may be temporarily affected until further notice.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. Latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's websites on Beach Water Quality (www.beachwq.gov.hk or www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

Special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement special traffic arrangements this Sunday (October 7) to facilitate a public procession to be held on Hong Kong Island.

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 2.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Eastbound Yee Wo Street;
- Causeway Road;
- Westbound Leighton Road; and
- Keswick Street.

Vehicles may not be permitted to access or leave car parks along the route during the road closure period.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Elderly Pedestrian Safety Campaign successfully held

The following is issued on behalf of the Road Safety Council:

The Road Safety Council (RSC), New Territories North Traffic Headquarters of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol (New Territories North) jointly held an Elderly Pedestrian Safety Campaign this afternoon (October 5) in Tai Po Civic Centre.

Messages on elderly pedestrian road safety were successfully disseminated to the public. The event featured a music performance by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College Silver Band, an elderly drama performance by Tuen Mun District Elderly Police Call, a music performance by the NTHYK Tai Po District Secondary School Chinese Orchestra, a marching performance by Sam Shui Natives Association Huen King Wing School and a music performance by the Promotion Officer of the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol, Ms Susan Tse.

Today's ceremony was officiated by a member of the RSC, Dr Liu Kai-ming; the Senior Superintendent of Traffic New Territories North of the Hong Kong Police Force, Mr Lee Chi-wai; Superintendent of Police and Divisional Commander of Tai Po Division of the Hong Kong Police Force Mr Ma Sing-yuen; the Regional Commander of the Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol (New Territories North), Mr Alarie Lai; Ms Tse; the Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) of the Home Affairs Department, Ms Iris Lee; and the Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Tai Po District Council, Dr Lau Chee-sing.

Two parents convicted of failure to register births within prescribed period

Two Hong Kong residents who failed to register the births of their children within the prescribed period were convicted at Shatin Magistrates' Courts yesterday (October 4) and today (October 5) respectively.

The Immigration Department (ImmD) investigated the two cases of failure to register birth within the prescribed period, which involved two males who failed to register the births of their new born babies who were both born in

October 2017. The two were charged with failure to perform the birth registration of a baby within 42 days after birth. They both pleaded guilty to the charge and were sentenced to fines of \$1,200 and \$1,000 respectively. The birth registration of the two babies was finally completed in July 2018.

The ImmD spokesman reminded the public that parents must fulfil their obligations under the law to register the birth of a child within 42 days of birth, so that the rights to medical treatment, education and welfare benefits, to which their children are entitled, are not affected due to the delay in following the relevant procedures. Failure to do so is an offence for which the maximum sentence upon summary conviction is a fine of \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment.

“Sparkle! Journal of a City Foot Soldier” exhibition reflects on urbanism

The "Sparkle! Journal of a City Foot Soldier" exhibition organised by Oi! was unveiled today (October 5) at Oi! in North Point. Through works of art, literature and research, visitors are invited to explore urbanism from different perspectives, thus enabling a wider spectrum of reflection on the concept of the city and urban living.

For the seventh exhibition of the "Sparkle!" series, artist and landscape architect Sara Wong was invited to be the project curator. The exhibits on display include Francis Alÿs' "Railings", Gordon Matta-Clark's "Reality Properties: Fake Estate, 'Rego Park' (cement parking), Block 3165, Lot 155", Lam Tung-pang's "Diary of The Curiosity Box (Hong Kong) – Hometown Tourist pp.1-10", Kate Lau's "One day we walk together separately", Melissa Cate Christ and Susanne Trumpf's "Selections from the Hong Kong Stair Archive", and Fabian Gutscher and Wu Jiaru's "Walking Together Alone".

During the exhibition, a reading room is available for the public to read urban research and literary works about the exploration of cities, allowing visitors to enhance their understanding of the topic.

The exhibition has free admission and runs until January 6 next year. For details of the exhibition, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/AP0/en_US/web/apo/sparkle_journal_of_a_city_foot_soldier.html or call 2512 3000.

For the "Sparkle!" exhibition series, eight local artists, namely Movana Chen, Enoch Cheng, Tang Siu-wa, Jeff Leung, Solomon Yu, Yentl Tong, Sara Wong and Anthony Leung, were invited to use Oi! as a platform to plan and stage

exhibitions and other events that showcase the artistic qualities of the young generation. Focusing on the relationship between art and contemporary living, the artists reflect on pressing issues in life and society using various means of artistic expression.

Oi! is located at 12 Oil Street, North Point.