

Classes of kindergartens and some special schools are suspended

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement by the Education Bureau concerning schools, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Hong Kong Observatory expects that the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal no. 3 is to be issued between 11am and 1pm, classes of kindergartens, schools for children with physical disability and schools for children with intellectual disability are suspended today. These schools, however, should keep their premises open and implement contingency measures to look after arriving students. They should ensure that conditions are safe before allowing students to return home.

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

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 (September 12) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Turtle Cove Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach in Islands District; and Clear Water Bay First Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan today (September 12) in which a 37-year-old man died.

At about 0.22am, a motorcycle driven by the 37-year-old man was travelling along Shek O Road towards Shek O, while a medium goods vehicle (MGV) driven by a 46-year-old man was travelling along Shek O Road towards

Chai Wai. When approaching near Lan Nai Wan Village, the motorcycle reportedly collided with the MGV. Another motorcycle driven by a 27-year-old man reportedly failed to brake and collided with the motorcycle in the front.

Sustaining multiple injuries, the 37-year-old motorcyclist was rushed to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 1.40am. The MGV driver and the 27-year-old motorcyclist sustained minor injuries and were sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Accident Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6800.

Fatal traffic accident in Western District

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Western District today (September 11) in which an 81-year-old woman died.

At about 11.20am, a medium goods vehicle (MGV) driven by a 43-year-old man was travelling along Rock Hill Street westbound. When approaching Smithfield, it reportedly knocked down the 81-year-old woman who was crossing the road.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the woman was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 11.50am.

The MGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He has been released on bail pending further enquiries and is required to report back to Police in mid-October.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6838 or 3660 6800.

Over 1 300 teachers commended at Teachers' Day Ceremony (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign:

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (September 11) officiated at the "Salute to Teachers 2018 – Teachers' Day and Commendation Certificate Presentation Ceremony" organised by the Committee on Respect Our Teachers Campaign (CROTC), and paid tribute to more than 1 300 teachers for their dedication to the teaching profession this year.

Speaking at the ceremony, the CROTC Chairman, Professor Tam Man-kwan, said the dedicated teachers teach by example with the aim of educating students to achieve a bright future conducive to the sustainable development of society. He added that teachers should foster students with the ability to think critically and tell right from wrong, so as to build up positive values with a strong sense of commitment to the country and society.

The Chairperson of Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals (COTAP), Dr Carrie Willis, expressed her highest respect to teachers and principals at the Teachers' Day Ceremony, and took this opportunity to officially launch the T-standard+, which aims to present the professional image of the teaching profession by portraying the professional roles of teachers in Hong Kong. Dr Willis encouraged teachers to use the T-standard+ as a tool to reflect on their own professional growth, pursue continuing professional development and sustain their efforts to enhance student learning and growth.

T-standard+, as one of the areas of focus under the overarching project "T-excel@hk" launched by COTAP, comprises "Professional Standards for Teachers of Hong Kong" and "Professional Standards for Principals of Hong Kong". The development of the two sets of standards involved in-depth research and discussion by different stakeholders in the education sector, extensive consultation and feedback collection. T-standard+ portrays the vision and mission of teachers and principals at different stages of professional growth in Hong Kong, and provides a useful reference and anchor for initial teacher education, continuing professional development and school leadership development.

Under the Teachers' Commendation Scheme organised by CROTC to foster a culture of respect for teachers, secondary schools, primary schools, kindergartens and special schools may each nominate two teachers who have shown commitment and excellence in teaching. The Scheme is in its 23rd year, with over 28 000 teachers commended to date.

Other officiating guests at the ceremony included the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung; the Under Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; and the Chairperson of the Curriculum Development Council, Professor Tam

Kar-yan.

