

Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sun shade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should inform their supervisors and seek medical help immediately.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

List of environmental impact assessments in first quarter 2018 released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 17) released a list of completed and newly commenced statutory environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and non-statutory environmental studies for major development projects between January 1 and March 31, 2018.

Updated information related to the EIA Ordinance is available on the EIA Ordinance website at www.epd.gov.hk/eia.

Completed statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies in the first quarter of 2018 include:

A. Statutory EIAs:

Nil

B. Non-statutory Environmental Studies:

Nil

Newly commenced statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies include:

A. Statutory EIAs:

1. Yuen Long Barrage Scheme (EIA Study Brief no.ESB-307/2018)
(Drainage Services Department)
2. Pier Improvement at Tung Ping Chau (EIA Study Brief no.ESB-306/2017)
(Civil Engineering and Development Department)
3. Pier Improvement at Lai Chi Wo (EIA Study Brief no.ESB-305/2017)
(Civil Engineering and Development Department)

B. Non-statutory Environmental Studies:

Nil

Rural By-election to be held on Sunday

The Home Affairs Department appeals to registered electors of the Kat Hing Street Resident Representative Election to exercise their right to vote in the Rural By-election to be held this Sunday (May 20).

Seven Rural Representative vacancies are open in the by-election and seven valid nominations were received during the nomination period. There are two candidates running for a Resident Representative post of Kat Hing Street of the Tai O Rural Committee. Polling will be held for the village.

Five candidates were returned uncontested to be the Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives of Pui O Lo Uk Tsuen and San Tin and Resident Representatives of Au Ha, Tsung Pak Long and Tung Lo Wan.

No valid nomination was received for the Resident Representative vacancy of Main Street (East).

The list of valid nominations is as follows:

Village	Name
Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives:	
Pui O Lo Uk Tsuen	Tse Chun-on (uncontested)
San Tin	Lau Sze-chun (uncontested)
Resident Representatives:	
Au Ha	Ngai Ching-ying (uncontested)
Tsung Pak Long	Lau Kun-wai (uncontested)
Tung Lo Wan	Yau Kwai-wing (uncontested)
Kat Hing Street*	Chiu Sin-fai
	Kwok Kam-ying

(*Polling required)

Polling will be held from noon to 7pm on May 20. Electors are required to bring the original of their identity documents to the designated polling station as specified in the polling notice.

There will be arrangements to enable remanded persons and detainees who are registered electors of the villages to cast their votes in the by-election.

Arrangements will be made for electors who are remanded or detained by law enforcement agencies (other than the Correctional Services Department) to cast their votes at the dedicated polling station located on G/F, Mei Tin Community Hall, 9 Mei Mun Lane, Tai Wai, Sha Tin, New Territories. The polling hours are from noon to 7pm.

If necessary, reserved dedicated polling stations will also be set up in the 21 penal institutions for electors under the custody of the Correctional Services Department to cast their votes from 1pm to 4pm.

For further information, please visit the Rural Representative Election website, www.had.gov.hk/rre, or call 2152 1521.

[US law firm expands in Asia-Pacific region via Hong Kong \(with photo\)](#)

US law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP officially launched its regional office in Hong Kong today (May 17), tapping into the growing demand for cross-border legal services by multinational companies in Hong Kong as well as in the Asia-Pacific region.

Seyfarth Shaw provides thoughtful, strategic and practical legal counsel to its client companies and legal teams of all sizes. The Hong Kong office will work across local rules and practices to assist clients in key areas, including employment, corporate and commercial, according to Partner and Chair of Seyfarth Shaw LLP's International Practice Mr Darren G Gardner.

He said, "Prompted by the continued rise of Asia as one of the world's key economic zones, together with Seyfarth's strong base of work and demand by large multinationals in Hong Kong and the Asia-Pacific region more broadly, the firm established its on-the-ground presence in Hong Kong."

He added, "Hong Kong serves as our regional hub to service clients' growing cross-border specialist employment and corporate and commercial needs on a pan-Asian basis as well as locally in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong office will assist the firm in continuing to scale its International Employment Law and International Corporate and Commercial Law practice in the region."

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion, Dr Jimmy Chiang said, "Hong Kong as an international business hub is strategically located at the heart of Asia. Together with its independent judiciary and solid and transparent regulatory framework, it is the ideal place for Seyfarth Shaw to set up its presence in the city, serving its clients both locally and regionally."

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