

SHA to attend youth forum in Macao

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, will depart for Macao tomorrow afternoon (October 12) to attend a youth forum on the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and relevant events.

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Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong on Saturday afternoon (October 13). During his absence, the Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs.

Labour Department to hold occupational health public talks

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a public talk entitled "Occupational health for professional drivers" on October 18 (Thursday). To enhance the awareness of occupational health among professional drivers, the talk will cover common occupational health hazards, preventive measures and common health issues as well as health tips for the drivers.

The talk will be held at 3pm in the Health Education Room of the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Centre, which is located at G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong.

The LD will hold another talk entitled "Prevention of musculoskeletal disorders for cleansing workers" on October 22 (Monday). The talk will introduce the common causes and preventive measures of musculoskeletal disorders facing cleaning workers to enhance their awareness of occupational health.

The talk will be held at 6.30pm in Activity Room 1, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay.

Both talks, to be given by the LD's occupational health nurse and conducted in Cantonese, will include demonstration and practice of workplace exercise. Admission is free. For enquiries or registration, please call 2852 4040.

Missing man in Aberdeen located

Police located a man who went missing in Aberdeen.

Kwong Lin-kei, aged 53, went missing after he was last seen in a shopping centre in Wah Fu Estate on October 6 morning. His family made a report to Police on the next day (October 7).

Police located the man on Tseung Kwan O Road yesterday (October 10) afternoon.

Latest dates to post Christmas airmail 2018

Hongkong Post today (October 11) announced the latest dates of posting for this year's Christmas airmail. To ensure that airmail items are delivered before Christmas, customers are requested to post their items on or before the relevant latest dates of posting. These dates are displayed at all counter offices. Alternatively, customers may find the information at Hongkong Post's website at www.hongkongpost.hk.

The latest dates of posting for Christmas airmail to some of the major destinations are tabulated below:

| Destination | Letters and Cards | Parcels and Packets |
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| Asia Pacific | | |
| Australia | December 3 | December 1 |
| China, Mainland | December 7 | December 7 |
| India | November 29 | November 28 |
| Indonesia | December 3 | December 1 |
| Japan | December 10 | December 5 |
| Korea | December 8 | December 7 |
| Malaysia | December 5 | December 3 |
| New Zealand | December 1 | November 30 |
| Philippines | December 1 | November 28 |
| Singapore | December 3 | December 1 |

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| Taiwan | December 7 | December 4 |
| Thailand | December 7 | November 30 |

America

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| Argentina | December 4 | December 3 |
| Brazil | December 1 | November 19 |
| Canada | November 14 | November 13 |
| United States of America | November 27 | November 26 |

Europe

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| France | December 4 | December 1 |
| Germany | November 27 | November 26 |
| Italy | December 6 | December 5 |
| Netherlands | December 10 | December 8 |
| Portugal | December 5 | November 29 |
| Spain | December 6 | December 5 |
| Switzerland | December 10 | December 8 |
| United Kingdom | December 4 | November 22 |

Enquiries on the subject can be directed to the Hongkong Post general enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

A copy of the "Latest Dates of Posting for Christmas Airmail 2018" is enclosed for information.

[HKSARG responds to US report](#)

In response to media enquiries, a spokesman for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government made the following response today (October 11) to a report issued by the United States (US) Congressional-Executive Commission on China:

"Since the return to the Motherland, the HKSAR has been exercising a high degree of autonomy and 'Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong' in strict accordance with the Basic Law. This demonstrates the full and successful implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle, which has been widely recognised by the international community.

"The Basic Law clearly stipulates that the HKSAR is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China (PRC). 'Hong Kong's independence' is a blatant violation of the Basic Law and a direct affront to the national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of the PRC. 'Hong Kong's independence' runs counter to the successful implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle and undermines the HKSAR's constitutional and legal foundations as enshrined in the Basic Law. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to freedom of speech, which is also protected by the Basic Law. However, both the relevant international human rights convention and court cases clearly point out that freedom of speech is not absolute. The HKSAR Government has also repeatedly stated that there is no room for discussing 'Hong Kong's independence'.

"For other issues mentioned in the report, including the Legislative Council (LegCo) By-election in March 2018, an election petition lodged against the results of the 2016 LegCo General Election, and the co-location arrangement of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, etc, the HKSAR Government reiterates that it has all along been handling Hong Kong affairs strictly in accordance with the 'one country, two systems' principle, the Basic Law and the laws of Hong Kong. There is no question of 'political screening' as alleged by the report.

"The HKSAR Government expresses regret over the biased conclusions and unfounded accusations made by the report. The HKSAR Government reiterates that foreign legislatures should not interfere in any form in the internal affairs of the HKSAR."