

Appointments to Working Group on External Lighting announced

A Government spokesman announced today (August 1) that the Working Group on the Promotion of the Charter on External Lighting has been revamped as the Working Group on External Lighting, and the incumbent Chairperson, Ms Caroline Mak, will continue to be appointed as the Chairperson. The new working group will assist the Government to review the effectiveness of the Charter on External Lighting, and advise the Government on more measures to better manage external lighting. The Working Group on External Lighting comprises 17 members from different sectors (see Annex for the membership list). The appointments are effective from today to July 31, 2021.

The Government set up the Task Force on External Lighting in 2011 to advise on the appropriate strategy and measures for tackling nuisance and energy wastage problems caused by external lighting. The Task Force submitted its report to the Government in 2015 to recommend a multi-pronged approach, including the introduction of the Charter. The Government accepted the Task Force's recommendations and set up the working group in the same year to plan and promote the Charter.

The Environment Bureau launched the Charter in 2016 to invite owners of and responsible persons for external lighting installations to switch off during preset times (i.e. 11pm or midnight to 7am on the following day) lighting installations with decorative, promotional or advertising purposes that affect the outdoor environment. With the working group's promotion, the Charter has secured support of over 4 800 participants from sectors including building management, property development, hotels and catering, retail, laundry, banking, telecommunications and real estate agencies, as well as schools, public utilities and public/non-governmental organisations.

The Government earlier agreed with the Task Force's recommendations in its report to review the effectiveness of the Charter two years after implementation. The Government therefore reorganised the existing Working Group on the Promotion of the Charter of External Lighting into the Working Group on External Lighting, and expanded its role to include promotion of the Charter, reviewing its effectiveness and advising the Government on more options to effectively manage external lighting.

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, thanked the Chairperson and members of the working group for their valuable contributions in the past few years. "Under Ms Mak's sterling leadership, the working group has made tremendous efforts in promoting the Charter. The Government will commence a review on the effectiveness of the Charter this year, and consider the next step with regard to the findings. We will continue to work closely with the revamped working group. With members drawn from professional bodies, relevant trades, academia, green groups and District Councils, the working group will be a good platform to forge stronger community consensus and to provide the Government with comments and recommendations on tackling external

lighting, so as to assist the Government to map out a way forward," he said.

Mr Wong thanked the outgoing members, Mr Winston Chow and Mr Philip Kan, for their service and contributions during their tenure.

Sai Yeung Choi Street South pedestrian precinct in Mong Kok to be abolished this Saturday

A spokesman for the Transport Department (TD) today (August 1) reminded members of the public that the Sai Yeung Choi Street South pedestrian precinct in Mong Kok will be abolished on Saturday (August 4). The following road sections will be open for vehicular traffic at all times:

- (a) the section of Sai Yeung Choi Street South between Argyle Street and Shantung Street;
- (b) the section of Sai Yeung Choi Street South between Shantung Street and Dundas Street;
- (c) the section of Nelson Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street South and Fa Yuen Street; and
- (d) the section of Soy Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street South and Fa Yuen Street.

Motorists are advised to pay attention to the traffic signs and traffic signals on-site and drive with utmost care when driving through the road sections concerned.

Appeal for information on missing man in Cheung Chau (with photo)

Police today (August 1) appealed to the public for information on a foreign man who went missing in Cheung Chau.

Andre Louis Marie Jouve, aged 50, went missing after he was last seen on Cheung Chau Beach Road on July 9 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on July 22.

He is about 1.83 metres tall, 91 kilograms in weight and of fat build. He has a round face with white complexion and short grey and black hair. He was last

seen wearing a short-sleeved T-shirt, checkered shorts and sports shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Hong Kong Island on 2860 1040 or 9886 0034 or email to rmpu-hki@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

Government announces administrative measures to enhance transparency of charitable fund-raising activities and safeguard donors' interests

The Government announced today (August 1) a series of administrative measures to enhance transparency of charitable fund-raising activities and safeguard the interests of donors.

Arising from the recommendations made in the Report of the Law Reform Commission, Report No. 68 of the Director of Audit and Report No. 68 of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council on improving the monitoring of charitable fund-raising activities, the Government has introduced today a series of administrative measures to enhance the transparency of charitable fund-raising activities, safeguard the interests of donors and facilitate the conduct of fund-raising activities. These include:

(1) Uploading all audited accounts submitted by organisations, which file applications today or thereafter and obtain approval to organise charitable fund-raising activities from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or charitable lottery events from the Home Affairs Department (HAD), to [the fund-raising activities page of GovHK](#) for reference by the public;

(2) Setting up a dedicated hotline (Tel: 3142 2678) for handling enquiries or complaints in relation to charitable fund-raising activities held by organisations in public places;

(3) Having the SWD, the HAD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department jointly issue the Good Practice Guide on Charitable Fund-raising (the Guide) to replace the Reference Guide on Best Practices for Charitable Fund-raising Activities previously promulgated by the SWD, and stepping up promotion to encourage the adoption of the Guide by charitable organisations. The Guide will also be uploaded to [the fund-raising activities page of GovHK](#) to assist the public to make reference and evaluate the performance of charitable organisations in organising fund-raising activities and to help donors understand their rights; and

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(4) Providing a one-stop service for charitable fund-raising activities organised on government land to remove the need for charitable organisations to separately apply to the Lands Department for temporary occupation of government land when applying for permits or licences for different kinds of fund-raising activities. The permit or licence approval authority will consult the Lands Department and notify the charitable organisations direct on the application results.

Applications for Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies 2019/20

The following is issued on behalf of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council:

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council reminded interested applicants today (August 1) that its Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies for the academic year 2019/20 have been accepting applications since July 3. The closing date for all applications is September 14, 2018.

The fellowships and scholarships aim at encouraging outstanding students to pursue further education in reputable institutions overseas. Successful candidates for the awards are expected to have a strong sense of commitment to Hong Kong and be ready to contribute significantly to the community upon graduation.

The fellowships are for studies leading to postgraduate degrees either by research or by coursework; the scholarships are for studies leading to undergraduate degrees.

The applicants will be responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements of the academic institutions of their choice.

The maximum value of a fellowship is HK\$300,000 per year, tenable for up to three years for a doctoral degree or two years for a master degree. The maximum value of a scholarship is HK\$280,000 per year, tenable for up to three years.

Application forms and information notes can be downloaded from the website of the Student Finance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency at www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/forms/form.htm.

The documents are also available at the following offices:

- (a) Student Finance Office
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency
Reception Hall, 11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
Hong Kong

- (b) Trust Funds and Temples Joint Secretariat
Reception Counter, 34/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai
Hong Kong

For enquiries, please call (852) 2150 6097 or (852) 2150 6098.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend interviews in person in Hong Kong. The first round of interviews is scheduled for January 2019. If found suitable, applicants will be invited for a final interview to be held around February/March 2019.