

Harbour Area Treatment Scheme awarded 15th Tien-yow Jeme Civil Engineering Prize (with photo)

The Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been awarded today (June 3) the 15th Tien-yow Jeme Civil Engineering Prize under the Municipal Engineering Category for the outstanding achievements of the HATS in the area of technological innovation and application.

At the prize presentation ceremony in Beijing today, the Director of Drainage Services, Mr Edwin Tong, said that through conveying sewage generated from both sides of Victoria Harbour to the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works for further treatment and disinfection, the HATS has improved the water quality of the harbour. The project was implemented in two stages and spanned two decades. It is by far the largest sewerage infrastructure project. By adopting advanced engineering technologies, sewage conveyance tunnels with a total length of over 44 kilometres were constructed below sea level, ranging from 120 metres to 160 metres in depth. The Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works, commissioned in 2001, now has an annual sewage treatment capacity of 900 million cubic metres and can serve more than 5 million people.

Established by the China Civil Engineering Society and the Beijing Tien-yow Jeme Foundation for Development of Science and Technology in Civil Engineering, the Tien-yow Jeme Civil Engineering Prize commends civil engineering projects with outstanding achievements in technological innovation and application. The DSD was awarded the same prize in 2014 for the Stormwater Interception and Storage Schemes for Hong Kong Urban Areas project.



Task Force on Land Supply to hold first public forum

The Task Force on Land Supply will hold four public forums from June to August to gauge public views on land supply options.

Details and enrolment arrangements of the first public forum are as follows:

Date: June 16 (Saturday)

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: Leighton Hill Community Hall

(133 Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong)

The forum will be conducted in Cantonese. Simultaneous interpretation in English will be available. Interested members of the public may register from tomorrow (June 4) at 9am by using the following methods:

(i) Online: www.landforhongkong.hk/en/participation/engage_act.php;

(ii) Email/fax: download the registration form from the above website for return via email (pflandforhongkong.hk@a-world.com.hk) or fax (2865 2559); or

(iii) Telephone: 2114 4972 (9am to 5pm).

Registration will close on June 8 (Friday) at 5pm. In view of the limited seating capacity at the venue, only one seat can be reserved for each registration, and requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enrolment arrangements and other details of the remaining three public forums will be announced in due course.

For enquiries, please contact the Public Engagement Director for the Task Force by telephone at 2114 4972 (9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday) or email (pflandforhongkong.hk@a-world.com.hk).

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Extra shows for two International Arts Carnival programmes (with photos)

Additional performances of two programmes at the International Arts Carnival (IAC) have been scheduled in response to overwhelming public demand. The programmes are the opening ballet programme "Hansel & Gretel" and the physical theatre show "Air Play". Details of the extra shows are as follows:

1. "Hansel & Gretel" by the Scottish Ballet (UK)

Date and time: July 8 (Sunday), 7.30pm

Venue: Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre

Prices: \$160, \$220, \$280, \$380, \$480

2. "Air Play" by Acrobuffos (US)

Date and time: July 19 (Thursday), 8pm

Venue: Yuen Long Theatre Auditorium

Prices: \$140, \$180, \$240

Tickets for these additional performances will be available at URBTIX

(www.urbtix.hk) from June 5 (Tuesday) onwards. For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044, or refer to the IAC programme brochure or visit www.hkiac.gov.hk.

The IAC, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will run from July 6 to August 12 and feature a variety of events for family entertainment.

