<u>Special traffic arrangements for race</u> <u>meeting in Sha Tin</u>

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (May 12).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

<u>About 5 600 vacancies on offer at</u> <u>Kowloon East Job Fair</u>

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a large-scale job fair at Yau Tong Community Hall from May 15 to 17. Vacancies in catering, retail, property management, business services and other industries will be offered. Twentythree participating organisations will set up booths and conduct on-the-spot recruitment each day.

A total of 69 organisations, offering about 5 600 vacancies, will participate in the three-day fair. The vacancies offered cover a wide variety of positions such as summer part-time sales worker, clerk, cargo services officer, hospital operation assistant, engineer assistant, investigation trainee, receptionist, security guard, driver, storekeeper, waiter/waitress, chef, technician, cashier, packer and more. Job seekers can find more information on the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk).

Around 80 per cent of the vacancies are for full-time jobs. Most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$9,000 to \$16,000. About 97 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Six education level or below. Around 74 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant work experience, and many vacancies are suitable for young people and secondary school graduates.

Job seekers can submit applications on the spot and may be selected for on-site interviews. They can also make enquiries on employment services at the LD's counter at the venue.

The job fair will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at Yau Tong Community Hall, 38 Ko Chiu Road, Yau Tong, Kowloon. Admission is free.

Red flags hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach

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 (May 12) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

<u>Territory-wide flag day today</u>

Christian Family Service Centre has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (May 12), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the Charitable Fund-raising Control Team at 2832 4311 during office hours. Information on the flag days of the month is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew/). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap/). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations. Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

<u>EMSD investigates lift incident at</u> <u>Sheungshui Town Centre</u>

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) expressed grave concern over the lift incident at Paris Court of Sheungshui Tower Centre today (May 11) and has immediately commenced a thorough and detailed investigation into the incident.

The preliminary investigation conducted by the EMSD revealed that the suspension ropes of the lift concerned were intact, and the incident might be attributed to the unintended car movement of the lift. The EMSD is carrying out an in-depth investigation at the moment in order to ascertain the cause of the incident. The EMSD has also issued a prohibition order to the lift concerned, the operation of the lift could only be allowed to resume after the completion of a thorough inspection by a registered lift engineer who could certify the safe working order of the lift.

As a prudent measure, the EMSD is now carrying out an immediate inspection with the registered lift contractor of the lift involved in the incident for seven other passenger lifts and two other goods lifts in the housing estate of the same brand as the one in the incident. The inspection is expected to be completed by tomorrow morning. The EMSD has also requested other registered lift contractors to complete a special inspection within two weeks for about 90 lifts of the same brand currently installed in Hong Kong to ensure safety.

The EMSD will expedite the completion of the investigation, including that of whether there have been contraventions of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. The EMSD will strictly enforce the law if contravention has been identified.

The EMSD is deeply saddened by the incident and again expressed its deepest condolences to the victim's family. The EMSD will do its utmost to provide the family with appropriate assistance.