

Red flag hoisted at Silver Mine 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 (August 1) that according to the Beach Water Quality Forecast System of the Environmental Protection Department (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/water/beach_quality/forecast_system.html), the Beach Water Quality Forecast Index for Silver Mine Bay Beach in Islands District is 4, which means the predicted water quality at this beach is "Very Poor" due to potential transient water quality fluctuations caused by heavy rain. The red flag has been hoisted, and beachgoers are advised not to enter the water to safeguard their health.

ExCo Non-official Members congratulate Siobhan Bernadette Haughey on winning another medal for Hong Kong at Paris Olympics

The following is issued on behalf of the Executive Council Secretariat:

Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Non-official Members) today (August 1) expressed their warmest congratulations to Hong Kong swimming athlete Siobhan Bernadette Haughey for winning another medal for Hong Kong – a bronze medal in the Women's 100m Freestyle event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. They also expressed their heartfelt gratitude to her coach and the swimming team.

The Convenor of ExCo Non-official Members, Mrs Regina Ip, said, "Siobhan Bernadette Haughey showed great perseverance and gave full play to her skills to stay ahead of the competitors in the race. She lived up to expectations and achieved an excellent result in the competition. We are thrilled that the excellent result achieved by her is testimony to the capability of Hong Kong athletes."

ExCo Non-official Members hope that the Hong Kong, China Delegation will

continue to perform at their best and strive for good results in the other events.

SCST congratulates Siobhan Bernadette Haughey on winning bronze medal

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (August 1) extended his congratulations to Hong Kong swimming athlete Siobhan Bernadette Haughey on winning a bronze medal in the Women's 100m Freestyle in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. This is her second medal in this Olympic Games.

Mr Yeung said, "Siobhan Bernadette Haughey gained another bronze medal, demonstrating her extraordinary skills. We are thrilled and proud of her."

The Hong Kong, China Delegation has so far won four medals, the details are as follows:

Gold medal

Fencing: Women's Épée Individual event
Vivian Kong

Fencing: Men's Foil Individual event
Cheung Ka-long

Bronze medal

Swimming: Women's 200m Freestyle
Siobhan Bernadette Haughey

Swimming: Women's 100m Freestyle
Siobhan Bernadette Haughey

CE congratulates Siobhan Bernadette Haughey on winning medal again at Paris Olympics

Hong Kong swimming athlete Siobhan Bernadette Haughey today (July 31,

Paris time) won the bronze medal in the Women's 100m Freestyle event for Hong Kong at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, bringing more good news to the city. The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Haughey and her coach.

"Siobhan has maintained a high level of performance and remained fearless against the world's best athletes throughout the competitions. She has now won two medals in a row, setting another brilliant result. All Hong Kong people and I are proud of her.

"I recognise and appreciate the efforts and dedication of all Hong Kong athletes at the Paris Olympic Games. Driven by strong determination, they have undergone rigorous training and competed with their utmost, demonstrating their talents regardless of the results. Hong Kong people have witnessed the passion, unwavering efforts and dedication of each athlete towards sports. We support and commend them. Their unyielding professionalism and sportsmanship have made me and the people of Hong Kong proud," Mr Lee said.

Taking into account the bronze medal she won in the Women's 200m Freestyle event earlier, Haughey has won two bronze medals at these Olympic Games for Hong Kong.

HKSAR Government strongly disapproves of and rejects Forbes Magazine's misleading commentary involving Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government on July 31 strongly disapproved of and rejected Forbes Magazine's commentary titled "Hong Kong's Economy Is Now Risky Business". It cited a so-called report by an anti-China organisation, namely the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong (CFHK) Foundation, fabricating false and unfounded narratives against the implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and safeguarding of national security, etc. in the HKSAR.

"The HKSAR is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China (PRC), and has all along been implementing fully the sanctions imposed by the UNSC pursuant to the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC to fulfil our international obligations. The HKSAR Government has been closely monitoring the UNSC's latest adopted resolutions and sanctions lists, as well as reports and announcements of the relevant committees or panels of experts under the UNSC for follow-up actions. Certain countries may impose

unilateral sanctions against some places on the basis of their own considerations. The HKSAR Government does not have the legal authority to, and it will not implement, unilateral sanctions imposed by other countries," a spokesman for the HKSAR Government said.

"Hong Kong has a robust system to implement sanctions imposed by the UNSC. Coupled with the vigilant investigation efforts of our law enforcement agencies which are effective and deterrent, a number of suspected Hong Kong-registered companies had been struck off, and suspicious vessels had been denied entry into Hong Kong waters. All these are conducive to preventing attempts to make use of Hong Kong as a base to violate UNSC sanctions, and hence safeguarding the international reputation of Hong Kong. Hong Kong will continue to maintain a stringent system of implementing the UNSC sanctions in accordance with the law. Exercising their statutory authorities, the law enforcement agencies will continue to proactively follow up on all suspected violations of the UNSC sanctions, and will institute prosecution when there is sufficient evidence.

"It is the constitutional duty of the HKSAR to safeguard national security. In accordance with international law and international practice based on the Charter of the United Nations, safeguarding national security is an inherent right of all sovereign states. Many common law jurisdictions, including the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, have enacted multiple pieces of legislation to safeguard national security. Turning a blind eye to the fact and making blatant remarks, the anti-China organisation CFHK Foundation has demonstrated typical political hegemony and hypocrisy with double standards", the spokesman added.

"When discharging their duty to safeguard national security, the HKSAR law enforcement agencies have been taking law enforcement actions based on evidence and strictly in accordance with the law. The Department of Justice of the HKSAR makes independent prosecutorial decisions, and prosecutions are only commenced if there is sufficient admissible evidence to support a reasonable prospect of conviction and if it is in the public interest to do so. The HKSAR Judiciary exercises judicial power independently in accordance with the law. As guaranteed by the Basic Law and the Hong Kong Bill of Rights, all defendants charged with a criminal offence shall have the right to a fair trial by the Judiciary.

"It is incontrovertible that safeguarding national security will provide a better business environment for businesses operating in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance clearly state that the principle of the rule of law shall be adhered to. The relevant laws have set out clear definitions and criminal elements, which will not affect regular exchanges between Hong Kong residents and people here for business with foreign countries.

"Under 'one country, two systems', Hong Kong enjoys the unique advantages of having the strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world, making our role as a 'super connector' and 'super value-adder' unrivalled. Hong Kong's highly open and international market,

the common law system, regulatory regimes that align with those of the major overseas markets, and the free flow of information and capital, have made Hong Kong an ideal place for companies to expand their operations and talents to give full play to their strengths. The HKSAR Government is steadfast in safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, fully and faithfully upholding this top priority of the 'one country, two systems' principle. At the same time, it protects the legal interests, rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents and other people in Hong Kong in accordance with the law, resolutely safeguarding the overall interest of the community and the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong, and ensuring the steadfast and successful implementation of 'one country, two systems'", the spokesperson reiterated.