

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (December 17) to consider two applications for new issue and renewal of liquor licences.

â€‹The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Kowloon:

STAGE ONE BAR in Prince Edward
City University of Hong Kong – Faculty Lounge in Kowloon Tong

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Public consultation on Budget launched

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (December 15) commenced the public consultation exercise for the 2025-26 Budget.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "In light of a continuously uncertain external environment, a complex and changing global political and economic landscape, and the structural adjustments taking place in Hong Kong's economy, we must manage public finances more prudently. Meanwhile, it is equally important to drive our economic development forward. At the present stage, both development and stability are central to our progress.

"I invite members of the community to share their views on the new Budget. As we work together, Hong Kong will reinforce its strengths and achievements, and accelerate advancement towards better goals amid challenging external conditions and evolving socio-economic circumstances."

Members of the public can share their views through various channels, including visiting the website www.budget.gov.hk, or by email (budget@fstb.gov.hk), phone (2810 3768), fax (2147 5770) or post (Budget Consultation Support Team, 24/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong), etc.

Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (December 15) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Loving caregivers dote on pandas

Two giant pandas gifted to Hong Kong by the Central Government are being cared for meticulously by dedicated teams at Ocean Park, where two locally born twin cubs will also be ready to meet the public around the Lunar New Year.

Members of Ocean Park's zoological team spoke to news.gov.hk about the giant pandas' diets and training, as well as the twin cubs' development.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature from today (December 15) in text and video format.

42nd round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles to be open December

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ã€ã€ã€The Transport Department today (December 15) reminded members of the public that the 42nd round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles (the scheme) will be open from 10am tomorrow (December 16) to 11.59pm on December 19, and the ballot result will be announced on December 20.

ã€ã€ã€Eligible applicants for the scheme can register for computer balloting through the designated website (www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk). Successful balloting applicants are required to submit applications for the scheme within the designated date and time randomly allocated by the computer system.