Red flag lowered at Stanley Main Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (July 23) that the red flag at Stanley Main Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island, has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted earlier due to big waves.

Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions for 2024/25 academic year enters admission stage

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (July 23) reminded students who have completed their online application and verification for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) that they should log on to the designated website from July 23 to August 4 to check their admission results, as well as submitting and checking supplementary enrolment results.

The students concerned should log on to the admission system of the Admission Scheme under the website of the Education Examinations Authority of Guangdong Province (eea.gd.gov.cn) (Chinese version only) to check admission results. Institutions will release first-round admission results in batches in order of priority as follows:

First priority admission results — 3pm on July 23 (Tuesday) onwards Second priority admission results — 5pm on July 26 (Friday) onwards Third priority admission results — 9am on July 29 (Monday) onwards Fourth priority admission results — 9am on July 30 (Tuesday) onwards

Students who meet the minimum entrance requirements (i.e. Level 3 or above for Chinese Language and English Language, Level 2 or above for Mathematics and "Attained" in Citizenship and Social Development in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination) but are not admitted in the first round can complete their online supplementary enrolment through the admission system from 4pm on July 30 (Tuesday) to 4pm on August 1 (Thursday).

During the supplementary enrolment stage, students can choose two institutions. Institutions will announce the results of the supplementary enrolment in batches in order of priority as follows:

First priority supplementary enrolment results — 11am on August 3 (Saturday) onwards

Second priority supplementary enrolment results — 11am on August 4 (Sunday) onwards

Students who have been admitted during the first round or supplementary enrolment stage will receive an acceptance letter from their respective institutions by post or electronically in due course. Students may contact the institutions directly if necessary. Contact information of the student admission offices of institutions can be found in the Programme Directory of the Admission Scheme for the 2024/25 academic year (Chinese version only) on the EDB's website (edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme).

LD reminds employers and employees to take heat stroke preventive measures in times of Heat Stress at Work Warning

â€<As the Heat Stress at Work Warning is now in effect, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate measures during the effective period of the warning to prevent heat stroke when working in hot weather or hot environments.

Employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor environments face high levels of heat stress and are at a relatively higher risk of heat stroke. Employers should assess the risk factors of heat stress for employees at work and, based on the identified risk factors, take necessary preventive and control measures, including rescheduling work periods, setting up shading covers, providing ventilation and heat dissipation equipment, and reminding employees to replenish water and rest in a timely manner.

The Heat Stress at Work Warning is formulated by the LD based on the Hong Kong Heat Index. There are three levels of the warning: Amber, Red and Black, which help employers and employees better understand the level of heat stress while working outdoors or indoors without air-conditioning systems.

A spokesman for the LD said that when the department issues the Heat Stress at Work Warning, employers must refer to the criteria and recommendations provided in the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work" to conduct risk assessments, according to the workloads and other relevant heat stress risk factors, for employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor workplaces. Appropriate rest breaks should be arranged every hour, as far as reasonably practicable, based on various levels of the Heat Stress at Work Warning, to reduce employees' risk of heat stroke.

Employees must also follow instructions to rest on time. Whenever there are any symptoms of heat-related illnesses, such as headache, dizziness, thirst, and nausea, they should rest in a cool and shady place, drink water, and inform employers/supervisors to take appropriate action immediately.

The LD issued the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work", detailing the various risk factors that should be considered when conducting heat stress risk assessments and recommending corresponding control measures for identified risk factors for employers' and employees' reference. For the Heat Stress at Work Warning and related guidelines, please refer to the department's thematic webpage:

www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention of heat stroke at work.htm.

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Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 23) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach in Islands District; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.