

## [Red flag hoisted at Shek O 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 30) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Shek O Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about \\$1.4 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs on August 17 seized about 3 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1.4 million at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point on that day. The batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including clothing, footwear, handbags and watches, was found inside the cargo compartment of the truck. A 52-year-old male driver was subsequently arrested.

An initial investigation revealed that the batch of suspected counterfeit goods would be transhipped to overseas regions by the airfreight channel.

An investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies, and take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trade mark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)) or online form ([eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002](http://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002)).



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## [Auction of personalised vehicle registration marks to be held on September 17](#)

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 30) announced that auction of personalised vehicle registration marks (PVRMs) will be held on September 17 (Sunday) at Meeting Room S421, L4, Old Wing, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 240 approved PVRMs will be put up for public auction. A list of the marks has been uploaded to the department's website, [www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/index.html)," a department spokesman said.

The reserve price of each of these marks is \$5,000. Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$5,000 should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price). Otherwise, the PVRM concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following points:

- (1) Bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after successful bidding:
  - (i) the identity document of the successful bidder;

(ii) the identity document of the purchaser (if the purchaser and the successful bidder are different persons);  
(iii) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (if the purchaser is a body corporate); and  
(iv) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed. Successful bidders may also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS), but are reminded to note the maximum transfer amount in the same day of the payment card. Payment by post-dated cheque, cash, credit card or other methods will not be accepted.

(2) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the Memorandum will not be permitted.

(3) A PVRM can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(4) The display of a PVRM on a motor vehicle should be in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations.

(5) Any change to the arrangement of letters, numerals and blank spaces of a PVRM, i.e. single and two rows as auctioned, will not be allowed.

(6) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the PVRM to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the PVRM within 12 months, allocation of the PVRM will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

"Upon completion of the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM, the purchaser will be issued a receipt and a Certificate of Allocation of Personalised Registration Mark. The Certificate of Allocation will serve to prove the holdership of the PVRM. Potential buyers of vehicles bearing a PVRM should check the Certificate of Allocation with the sellers and pay attention to the details therein. For transfer of vehicle ownership, this certificate together with other required documents should be sent to the TD for processing," the spokesman added.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of PVRMs, which is available at the department's licensing offices or can be downloaded from its website,  
[www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/pvr\\_m\\_auction/index](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/pvr_m_auction/index)

## [Local young pianist Charles Tam to perform at LCSD's "Our Music Talents" Series in September](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Our Music Talents" Series will present a piano recital by Charles Tam in September, in which the young local pianist will perform a number of solo pieces of classical music to showcase his piano virtuosity.

The recital programme covers four works from the 19th and 20th centuries, namely Boulanger's "Vers la vie Nouvelle"; Godowsky's "Study No. 5 in D-flat after Op. 10, No. 3, for left hand alone" (from "53 Studies on Chopin's Etudes"); Albéniz's "La Vega" and Liszt's "Années de pèlerinage II, S. 161".

Tam graduated from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He furthered his study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, and is currently a Fellow in Piano Performance at the School, studying under Ronan O'Hora. Tam has won prizes in various international music competitions, including the International Chopin Piano Competition in Asia, the Steinway & Sons International Youth Piano Competition (Hong Kong and Macau Regional Competition) and the Glass Sellers Beethoven Piano Prize Competition, to name a few. He has also given recitals in prestigious venues and festivals, including London's Wigmore Hall and Barbican Centre, Austria's Esterházy Palace and more. His performances have covered Europe and Asia extensively.

"Our Music Talents Series: Piano Recital by Charles Tam" will be staged at 8pm on September 27 (Wednesday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$140 and \$180 are now available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. Package discounts will be available for ticket purchases with "Our Music Talents" Series and "City Hall Virtuosi" Series programmes to be held during September to January 2024. For discount schemes and programme enquiries, please call 2268 7321 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs\\_1597.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1597.html).



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## [Auction of traditional vehicle registration marks to be held on September 16](#)

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 30) announced that the auction of traditional vehicle registration marks will be held on September 16 (Saturday) in Meeting Room S421, L4, Old Wing, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 340 vehicle registration marks will be put up for public auction. The list of marks has been uploaded to the department's website, [www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/index.html)," a department spokesman said.

Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$1,000 to reserve a mark for auction should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price of \$1,000). Otherwise, the mark concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

(1) Successful bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after the successful bidding:

- (i) the identity document of the successful bidder;
- (ii) the identity document of the purchaser if it is different from the successful bidder;

(iii) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation if the purchaser is a body corporate; and

(iv) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". (For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed.) Successful bidders can also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS). Payment by post-dated cheques, cash or other methods will not be accepted.

(2) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of Registration Mark immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted.

(3) A vehicle registration mark can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(4) Special registration marks are non-transferable. Where the ownership of a motor vehicle with a special registration mark is transferred, the allocation of the special registration mark shall be cancelled.

(5) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the registration mark to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the registration mark within 12 months, allocation of the mark will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of Traditional Vehicle Registration Marks, which can be downloaded from the department's website, [www.td.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/vehicle\\_registration\\_mark/tvrm\\_auction/index.html](http://www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/tvrm_auction/index.html).