

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

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.

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 (August 1) to consider an application for renewal of a liquor licence.

The application is:

Kowloon:

"Chiu Hing Authentic Chiu Chau Kitchen" in Sham Shui Po

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.

Government ardently backs gifted education

In its effort to support gifted students, apart from enhancing their education via the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, the Government is earmarking extra funding to help talented learners to unleash their potential.

Apart from interviewing the academy's Executive Director, Dr Jimmy Wong, news.gov.hk talked with some gifted students to learn more about how the experience they gained at the academy inspired them. In addition, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Gifted Education, Dr Eugene Chan, talked about the target of the Gifted Education Fund to extend extracurricular learning programmes for gifted students.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature today (July 30) in text and video format.

Sixth round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" to open from July 31 to August 3

The Transport Department today (July 30) reminded members of the public that the sixth round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" (the scheme) will be open from 10am tomorrow (July 31) to 11.59pm on August 3, and the ballot result will be announced on August 4.

Eligible applicants for "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" 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.

Red flags hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui 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 (July 30) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach in Islands District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.