Proposed road works for public housing development at Sha Po in Yuen Long gazetted

The Government gazetted today (July 28) proposed road works to provide the necessary infrastructure to the public housing development at Sha Po in Yuen Long.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building, 269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long, 9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans, resumption plan and location plans are available at www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than September 26, 2023.

<u>Proposed amendments to road works at Tung Chung New Town Extension (West)</u> <u>gazetted</u>

The Government gazetted today (July 28) the proposed amendments to the road works at Road L22, Road L24, Road L25, Road L26 and Road L28 under the Tung Chung New Town Extension project to address the public views towards the original scheme.

Details of the proposed amendments are set out in the Annex. The amendment plans and amendment scheme are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, G/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Islands District Office Main Office,
20/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Islands Home Affairs Enquiry Centre (Tung Chung),
1/F, Tung Chung Post Office Building,
6 Mei Tung Street, Tung Chung, Lantau Island

District Lands Office, Islands, 19/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

The gazette notice, amendment scheme, amendment plans, resumption plan, amendment plan for creation of rights of temporary occupation of land and location plan are available

at www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html.

Any person who wishes to object to the proposed amendments is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
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A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the proposed amendments. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than September 26, 2023.

Pass result of Basic Law and National Security Law Test mutually acceptable for applying for civil service jobs and teaching posts

The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) announced today (July 28) that for all civil service recruitment exercises advertised on or after today, job applicants could apply for the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) conducted by the CSB, the Education Bureau (EDB) or various recruiting departments/grades, the pass result of which is mutually acceptable for applying for both civil service jobs and teaching posts in public-funded schools or kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme.

A spokesman for the CSB said, "The mutual acceptance arrangement could ensure that job seekers have basic understanding of the Basic Law and the National Security Law on the one hand, and enhance recruitment efficiency on the other hand as applicants are not required to take similar tests again."

The mutual acceptance arrangement is applicable to pass results issued by the CSB, the EDB or recruiting departments/grades, regardless of whether the BLNST is conducted before or after the implementation of the new arrangement. Details of the mutual acceptance of results are as follows:

Level of BLNST			
BLNST conducted by CSB and recruiting departments/grades	BLNST conducted by EDB	Applicability	
BLNST (degree/professional grades)	HRINGI IMAMPAA LAWALI	All civil service jobs and teaching posts	

	BLNST (non-degree level)	All civil service jobs requiring qualifications below degree/professional level, and all non-degree-holding teaching posts
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The CSB and the EDB will conduct various rounds of the BLNST at different levels according to different recruitment needs. The tentative schedule of the BLNSTs to be conducted in the coming year is as follows:

Target	Level of BLNST	Organising Bureau	Month/Date of BLNST
Civil service job (degree/professional grades) applicants (Note)	BLNST (degree/professional grades)	CSB	• October 7, 2023 • December 2023 (outside Hong Kong) • June 2024
Persons who plan to apply as degree-holding teachers in primary and secondary schools and kindergartens	BLNST (degree level)	EDB	• December 2023 • April 2024 • July 2024
Persons who plan to apply as non-degree-holding teachers in primary and secondary schools and kindergartens	BLNST (non-degree level)	EDB	• October 2023 • June 2024

Note: For non-degree/non-professional civil service jobs, recruiting departments/grades will make arrangements for applicants to take the BLNST during the recruitment process.

Details of the above BLNSTs (including the application and test dates) will be announced in due course. For details of the BLNST for recruitment of civil servants and newly appointed teachers, please visit the websites of the CSB (www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/blnst/1372.html) and the EDB (www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst) respectively.

In order to ensure that new recruits to the civil service have basic understanding of the Basic Law and the National Security Law, for all civil service recruitment exercises advertised on or after July 1, 2022, all applicants must have attained a pass result in the BLNST in order to be considered for appointment. Starting from 2023/24 school year, the above arrangement also applies to all newly appointed teachers in public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme.

Import of poultry meat and products from Flevoland Province in Netherlands suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (July 28) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Flevoland Province in the Netherlands, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 50 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from the Netherlands in the first six months of this year.

â€<"The CFS has contacted the Dutch authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the WOAH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreak. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

<u>Department of Justice alerts public to fraudulent email</u>

The Department of Justice today (July 28) appealed to members of the public to stay alert to a fraudulent email claimed to have been sent by "Lee Man-Chun, Personal Assistant to Paul Lam". The email, containing a suspected link to a malicious file, falsely claims to be issued following the instructions of the Secretary for Justice. The department has no connection with the fraudulent email and has reported the case to the Police for further investigation.

Members of the public are reminded not to open any suspicious email. Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the email sender or clicked the link in the email is advised to contact the Police.