

Arrangements in collecting consumption vouchers via Octopus

Attention duty announcers of radio and television stations:

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

As Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above is now in force and will remain in force at least until 4pm today (July 17), the Consumption Voucher Scheme Secretariat at 17/F, Pioneer Centre, 750 Nathan Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon, is suspending service today. The Secretariat will contact those with appointments for service today to reschedule their bookings.

A Government spokesman said that some members of the public receiving both the first and second instalment vouchers through Octopus were not able to collect the second instalment yesterday (July 16) as their cumulative "eligible spending" has not reached the required target.

For those who want to check their cumulative "eligible spending" amount or enquire about the collection of consumption vouchers by Octopus, they can do so via the Octopus mobile app, Octopus hotline 2969 5588, Octopus website (voucher.octopus.com.hk/en/form/enquiry), or the Octopus Service Points at MTR stations.

Relevant members of the public whose cumulative "eligible spending" has reached \$3,000 by the end of this month will be disbursed with the second instalment, i.e. \$2,000 vouchers (Note), on the 16th of the following month, and so on. The cumulative spending requirement has to be met by October 31 this year at the latest.

For those who have no remaining balance in their Octopus cards but their cumulative "eligible spending" has still not reached the required target, they could top up their Octopus card to make "eligible spending". They will be disbursed with the second instalment voucher on the 16th of the following month after the eligible spending target is met.

The public may visit the Consumption Voucher Scheme website (www.consumptionvoucher.gov.hk) or call the hotline 18 5000 for enquiries about the Scheme.

Note: Persons who receive vouchers in half value (i.e. eligible persons who come to live in Hong Kong through different admission schemes and to study in Hong Kong) will be disbursed with the second instalment voucher of \$1,000 after their cumulative eligible spending has reached \$1,500.

SCMA to visit Beijing today

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai, will depart for a visit to Beijing this afternoon (July 17). While in Beijing, he will meet with relevant central ministries and authorities.

The Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Ms Maisie Chan, will also join the visit. They will return to Hong Kong on July 19.

During Mr Tsang's absence, the Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Clement Woo, will be the Acting Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs.

Classes of all day schools are suspended (2)

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement by the Education Bureau concerning schools, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal no. 8 is now in force, classes of all day schools are suspended today.

If the Hong Kong Observatory cancels the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal no. 8 before 5pm, classes of evening schools will resume today.

Temporary service relocation of West Kowloon General Out-patient Clinic for renovation

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kowloon West Cluster (KWC) today (July 17) announced the temporary service relocation of the West Kowloon General Out-patient Clinic (address: G/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po) to Nam Cheong Family Medicine Clinic (address: G/F, Treasury Building, 3 Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan) from July 24 (next Monday) onwards. The West Kowloon General Out-patient Clinic (the Clinic) will undergo renovation works to improve its environment and services. During the period, the service hours will remain unchanged (details are in appendix). The Clinic's services are expected to resume at the original location upon completion of the renovation works, tentatively in the third quarter of 2024.

Patients with chronic illnesses requiring regular follow-up care at the Clinic have already been informed of the service relocation and arranged to attend follow-up appointments at Nam Cheong Family Medicine Clinic. For patients with episodic illnesses, they can make appointments as usual through the General Out-patient Clinic Telephone Appointment System at 3157 0121 or the "Book GOPC" function in the mobile application "HA Go".

The spokesperson said, "KWC has already informed the residents in the district of the service arrangements through various channels, including putting up posters and banners at the clinic. Respective District Council has also been informed. A reminder message will be added to the General Out-patient Clinic Telephone Appointment System and the HA Go "Book GOPC" mobile application function so that the public and residents of the district can learn about relevant service arrangements as early as possible.

[Typhoon Talim situation report \(3\)](#)

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory at 6.40am today (July 17) remains in force.

The Home Affairs Department has so far opened 29 temporary shelters in various districts and 105 people have sought refuge at the shelters.

As at 11am today, the 1823 Government Call Centre has received 18 reports of fallen tree. No reports of landslide or flooding have been received so far.

According to the Hospital Authority, as at 10am today, three people (two men and one woman) have been injured during the typhoon period and sought medical treatment at the Accident and Emergency Department of a public hospital.