

[Red flags hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay 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 (November 30) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

[SED attends PISA Conference in Croatia \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, attended the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Conference organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on November 29 (Dubrovnik time). She delivered a presentation on how Hong Kong enhances STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) education with the use of PISA data, promoting Hong Kong's quality education.

Dr Choi said that the Education Bureau (EDB) has been making reference to Hong Kong students' science and mathematics performance in PISA to review and enhance the science and mathematics curricula for primary and secondary schools, and plan various support measures to achieve STEAM education for all, for fun and for diversity.

Regarding the subject of Mathematics, the EDB has increased the elements of applications of mathematics in the curriculum through nurturing students' ability in mathematical reasoning and data literacy. It has also organised a large-scale training programme for all secondary school Mathematics teachers, focusing on the innovative pedagogies and implementation strategies of mathematical modelling education. As regards science education, the EDB is renewing the junior secondary Science curriculum to put greater emphasis on scientific competencies and cross-disciplinary learning to promote integration and application of knowledge and skills across disciplines and foster innovative thinking among students.

Digital education and STEAM education complement each other. In order to

integrate AI with science education, the EDB is launching a pilot scheme to encourage schools to adopt AI-assisted teaching in junior secondary Science and support pedagogical innovations. The EDB will also establish the Steering Committee on Strategic Development of Digital Education to provide advice and recommendations on advancing digital education.

Dr Choi thanked the PISA Governing Board, the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth of Croatia, and the OECD Secretariat for organising the inspiring Conference. She said that, with concerted efforts of all parties, the future generation will be equipped with global perspectives, future-ready skills, and the values and attitudes necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In addition, Dr Choi visited the University of Dubrovnik and exchanged views with its leadership on promoting the recruitment of international students and enhancing higher education collaboration between Hong Kong and Croatia.

Dr Choi will conclude her visit and return to Hong Kong on November 30 (Dubrovnik time).



[Territory-wide flag day today](#)

Hong Kong Children and Youth Services has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (November 30), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permits have been published on the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flag-selling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/controlofc/flagdays) for reference. For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678.

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

[Man holding charged with murder](#)

Police laid a holding charge against a 52-year-old man with one count of murder last night (November 29).

The man was arrested on November 28 in suspected connection with an arson and murder case happened on Prat Avenue, Tsim Sha Tsui on January 25, 1997.

The case will be mentioned at West Kowloon Magistrates' Court this morning (November 30).

[Man arrested for murder](#)

Police arrested a 52-year-old man yesterday (November 28) afternoon in suspected connection with the arson and murder case happened on Prat Avenue,

Tsim Sha Tsui on January 25, 1997. The shop involved in the case was extensively damaged and 17 people were killed.

After in-depth investigation, officers of the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau (OCTB) arrested the man for murder in Tin Shui Wai.

The arrested man is being detained for further enquiries.

Active investigations by OCTB is underway.

OCTB took over the investigation in 1997 and successfully arrested multiple suspects in the same year. Four of the arrestees were subsequently charged with murder. Three of them were sentenced to life imprisonment while one was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment by the High Court.

Thorough investigation by OCTB led the identification of three other culprits. The then 33-year-old man, who was one of the three culprits, was eventually apprehended by the Shenzhen Public Security Bureau in Shenzhen in November 2008. He was returned to Police in December of the same year and was later convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment by the High Court.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2527 7887.