

Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade, providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees and providing for employees as far as practicable covered space with good ventilation for rest and meals. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should rest in a cool or shady place and drink water immediately. They should also inform their supervisors to take appropriate action.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Regional flag-selling activities today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (July 27). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been informed by one of the charities that the regional flag-selling activity scheduled to be held by it has been cancelled, a spokesman for the SWD said.

Information on the regional flag-selling activities today is as follows:

Region	Name of organisation	Colour of collection bag	Colour of flag
Kowloon	Christian Action	Green	Tiffany blue
New Territories	HK Saving Cat and Dog Association Limited	Blue	Red

The contact information for the organisation that has cancelled its regional flag-selling activity is as follows:

Region	Name of organisation	Contact person	Contact number
Hong Kong Island	The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation Limited	Mr Chan	2560 8572

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/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_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.

2022 Honours List and Justices of the Peace appointments

The 2022 Honours List and Justices of the Peace (JPs) appointments are published in the Government Gazette today (July 27).

This year's Honours List and JPs appointments were originally scheduled for announcement at the end of June. For the Honours List, all the 889 persons were awarded by former Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam, as follows:

Award	Number
(a) Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM)	7
(b) Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS)	25
(c) Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)	28
(d) Medal for Bravery (Silver) (MBS)	1
(e) Distinguished Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	13
(f) Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)	45
(g) Meritorious Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	48
(h) Medal of Honour (MH)	115
(i) Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service	231
(j) Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service	376
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The citations of the award recipients of the 2022 Honours List are provided in Appendix 1.

The award recipients come from different walks of life with diverse backgrounds. They have made significant contributions to Hong Kong in different areas, benefiting various sectors of the community, including public and community service, education, medical and public health, finance, trade and industry, scientific research, innovation and technology, charity, arts and culture, sports, creative industry, housing, transport, construction and urban development, environmental protection, labour and welfare, youth affairs, and professional services.

A Government spokesman pointed out that this year's total number of recipients awarded by former Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam is the highest since the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, with about 70 per cent (607 persons) being awarded the Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service or the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service. Among them, 493 persons are members of the community and public servants who have made significant contributions to the fight against the COVID-19 epidemic.

The spokesman added, "A total of 105 persons are awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal or the Gold, Silver or Bronze Bauhinia Star this year, which is similar to the number in the final year of the previous two government terms. This is mainly because, generally speaking, the Chief Executive would award honours to the Politically Appointed Officials and Executive Council Members in the last year of the government term."

"Former Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam is grateful to all awardees for their contributions to Hong Kong and hopes that they will continue to excel in their own fields and serve the community. With over 30 awardees on this year's Honours List from the sports sector, she is particularly happy with the unprecedented outstanding achievements of Hong Kong's athletes and coaches in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games and other major sports events," the spokesman added.

The presentation ceremony for the awards will be held later this year. The exact timing and arrangements will take into account the social distancing measures then in force.

For JPs appointments, amongst all the 50 JPs appointed by former Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam, 38 were appointed under section 3(1)(b) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap. 510) (commonly referred to as Non-official JPs), and 12 were appointed under section 3(1)(a) of the same ordinance (commonly referred to as Official JPs).

The main function of JPs is to visit correctional institutions, detention centres or other institutions to ensure their effective management and that no individual is unfairly treated or deprived of his or her rights. JPs will ensure that complaints lodged by individuals are handled in a fair and transparent manner.

The name list of JPs appointed under section 3(1)(b) and section 3(1)(a) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance is provided in Appendix 2.

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected illicit cigarettes worth about \\$27 million \(with photo\)](#)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 25) seized about 10 million suspected illicit cigarettes with an estimated market value of about \$27 million and a duty potential of about \$19 million in Kwai Chung.

During an anti-illicit cigarette operation conducted in Kwai Chung last

night, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected illicit cigarettes at an industrial building unit. Two men suspected to be in connection with the case, aged 53 and 60, were arrested. Customs believes that a suspected illicit cigarette storehouse was raided during the operation.

The two arrested men were charged with dealing with goods to which the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance applies and will appear at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (July 27).

Customs will continue to combat illicit cigarette activities on all fronts through a multi-pronged approach.

Under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, anyone involved in dealing with, possession of, selling or buying illicit cigarettes commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$1 million and imprisonment for two years.

Members of the public may report any suspected illicit cigarette activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

