

Temporary closure of Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 18) that Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool in Tai Po District will be temporarily closed from July 2 for repair works, which are expected to be completed in late October. During the closure period, the public may use swimming facilities at Tai Po Swimming Pool and Tai Po Lung Mei Beach in the same district.

For the most up-to-date closure schedules of the above leisure and sports facilities, the public may refer to the notices at the venue or contact venue staff at 2691 2428.

SCST expresses sorrow over passing of renowned composer Dr Yip Wai-hong

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, was saddened today (June 18) over the passing of renowned composer and music educator Dr Yip Wai-hong, and extended deepest condolences to his family.

Mr Yeung said, "Dr Yip devoted his life to musical composition and made significant contributions to children's music education in particular, nurturing many music talents. The Hong Kong Children's Choir and Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra, founded by Dr Yip, have made remarkable achievements. Dr Yip is an exemplar among Hong Kong artists. His passing is our loss and we will fondly remember him."

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 (Jun 18) 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.

Labour Department investigates fatal work accident in Yuen Long

The Labour Department (LD) is investigating a fatal work accident that happened in Yuen Long this afternoon (June 17) in which a man died.

â€‹The LD immediately deployed staff to the scene upon receiving a report of the accident, and is now conducting an investigation to look into its cause.

Hong Kong Customs detects two passenger drug trafficking cases at airport (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 16) detected two passenger drug trafficking cases at Hong Kong International Airport and seized about 5.3 kilograms of suspected heroin and about 2.1kg of suspected cannabis buds with a total estimated market value of about \$5 million. A man and a woman were arrested.

The first case involved a 48-year-old female passenger who arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. During customs clearance, a batch of suspected cannabis buds weighing about 2.1kg in total was found concealed in eight packs of snacks inside her check-in baggage. The woman was arrested immediately.

The second case involved a 37-year-old male passenger who arrived in Hong Kong from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday. During customs clearance, about 5.3kg of suspected heroin was found concealed in three food packaging boxes inside his check-in baggage and he was subsequently arrested.

The two arrested persons have each been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. Both cases will be brought up at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 18).

Following the increasing number of visitors to Hong Kong, Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

