

## [Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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## [Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (December 21) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## [Territory-wide flag-selling activity cancelled](#)

The Social Welfare Department has been informed by Stewards that the territory-wide flag-selling activity in public places scheduled to be held today (December 21) has been cancelled, a spokesman for the SWD said.

For enquiries, please contact Mr Leung of the organisation at 2790 1511.

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## **Fatal traffic accident in Tin Sum**

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tin Sum in the small hours today (December 21) in which a 24-year-old man died.

At about 0.18am, a private car driven by the 24-year-old man was travelling along Tai Po Road – Sha Tin Heights towards Sha Tin. When approaching Luk Hop Village, it reportedly dashed to the opposite lane and collided with a private car driven by a 55-year-old man.

The 24-year-old man was trapped inside the compartment and was rescued by firemen. Sustaining serious head injury, he was rushed to Caritas Medical Centre in unconscious state and was certified dead at 0.46am. The 55-year-old man was injured and sent to Prince of Wales Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1300 or 3661 1348.

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## **Registration and Electoral Office responds to media enquiries**

In response to media enquiries today (December 20) about the arrangement of enquiry letters to electors issued by the Registration and Electoral Office (REO), a spokesman for the REO gives the following reply:

The 2020 Voter Registration (VR) cycle will last until May 2, 2020. With a view to ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the final register, the REO has issued about 70,000 enquiry letters since December 13, 2019. The enquiry letters are issued on the basis of random sampling check.

The REO appeals to the registered electors who have received enquiry letters to submit replies as soon as possible by the specified deadline, in order to confirm that the address concerned is their principal residential address. In case the concerned electors do not reply by the deadline, the REO will proceed to the next step by March 2020 to include the concerned electors in the statutory inquiry. Electors who are in the statutory inquiry must reply to the REO by the statutory deadline on May 2, 2020, otherwise, they will be included in the omissions list to be published on June 1, 2020.

Electors included in the omissions list can still reply to the REO or lodge

a claim before the statutory deadline on June 25, 2020, with a view to reinstate their elector status and to vote in the 2020 LegCo General Election.

The REO conducts various checking measures in each VR cycle to enhance the accuracy and completeness of the particulars of VR, including the above-mentioned random sampling check on registered electors; cross-matching exercise with other government departments on the registered particulars of electors; follow-up inquiries on undelivered poll cards arising from elections; cross-matching of registered residential addresses of electors with the Housing Department, Hong Kong Housing Society and Home Affairs Department; checks on residential addresses with multiple electors or multiple surnames of electors; checks on addresses with incomplete information or suspected non-residential addresses; as well as checks on electors registered at buildings already demolished or vacant buildings to be demolished.