

Proposed road works in Yuen Long gazetted

The Government gazetted today (December 20) the proposed road works in Yuen Long to serve the anticipated traffic demand induced by the future public housing developments at Long Bin.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans, resumption plan, plan for Creation of Easements and Other Permanent Rights, plan for Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than February 18, 2020.

Result of the tenders of the People's Bank of China RMB Bills held on December 20, 2019

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Result of the tenders of the People's Bank of China RMB Bills held on December 20, 2019:

Tender Result

Tender Date : December 20, 2019

Bills available for Tender : Six-month RMB Bills

Issuer : The People's Bank of China
Issue Number : BCHKFP19033

Issue Date : December 27, 2019

Maturity Date : June 26, 2020 (or the
closest coupon payment date)

Application Amount : RMB 29,013 million

Issue Amount : RMB 10,000 million

Average accepted Coupon Rate : 2.83 per cent

Highest accepted Coupon Rate
(Bills' Coupon) : 2.90 per cent

Lowest accepted Coupon Rate : 2.60 per cent

Allocation Ratio : Approximately 53.08 per cent

Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and 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 20) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Appointments to Vocational Training Council

The Government announced today (December 20) the appointment of Mr Tony Tai Chark-tong as the Chairman of the Vocational Training Council (VTC).

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, welcomed the appointment. He said, "Mr Tai has been committed to leading the development of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) in Hong Kong. Since his appointment as a member in 2013 and later as a Deputy Chairman, he has actively participated in and tendered valuable advice on the work of the VTC. With his passion in promoting VPET and the breadth of his experience in the innovation and technology sector, I am confident that under Mr Tai's leadership, the VTC will work closely with the Government in further promoting VPET in the digital age."

In addition to the re-appointment of Professor Eric Yim Chi-ming as Deputy Chairman and Mr Paul Chong Kin-lit, Ms Candy Tam Lai-chuen, and Mr Gary Yeung Man-yui as members, Dr Daniel Yip Chung-yin and Mr Harold Wong Tsu-hing are appointed as Deputy Chairman and a member respectively.

All the above appointments or re-appointments are for two years, from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

Mr Yeung also thanked the outgoing Chairman, Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping. "Under Dr Chung's capable leadership, the VTC has made significant progress in taking forward its strategic plans and has accomplished a number of remarkable achievements including the opening of new campuses, diversification of learning experiences and articulation opportunities for VPET, and enhancement of industry partnerships. Moreover, Dr Chung has been a staunch supporter of the VTC's efforts in expanding its international network, providing more opportunities for students to shine in international skills competitions and broadening their horizons through exchange and study programmes outside Hong Kong. I am grateful to Dr Chung for his contributions to the VTC and the promotion of VPET," he said.

The membership list of the VTC from January 1, 2020, is as follows:

Chairman

Mr Tony Tai Chark-tong

Deputy Chairmen

Professor Eric Yim Chi-ming
Dr Daniel Yip Chung-yin

Members

Professor Philip Chan Ching-ho
Mr Victor Chan Kok-wai
Mr Paul Chong Kin-lit
Ms Quince Chong Wai-yan
Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui
Mr Ronald Lam Siu-por
Mr Clarence Leung Wang-ching
Mr Kennedy Liu Tat-yin
Dr Lo Kam-wing
Ms Low Khah-gek
Mr Dominic Pang Yat-ting
Ms Candy Tam Lai-chuen
Mr Harold Wong Tsu-hing
Mr Gary Yeung Man-yui
Deputy Secretary for Education (or his representative)
Director-General of Trade and Industry (or his representative)
Commissioner for Labour (or his representative)
Executive Director of Vocational Training Council

The VTC was established in 1982 with a mission to provide a comprehensive system of vocational education and training as well as multiple pathways for young people, and to meet the needs of different industries in Hong Kong. The 13 member institutions of the VTC provide a broad spectrum of

pre-employment and in-service education and training programmes, covering a wide range of industries and catering for students with different backgrounds and abilities.

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.