

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 19) that due to big waves, the 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.

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.

Inter-departmental help desks stood down

Attention duty announcers of radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The inter-departmental help desks set up by various District Offices at North District Hospital, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital and Kwai Chung Public

Mortuary have now been stood down.

Fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui yesterday afternoon (December 18) in which three men and three women died, while 22 men and 17 women were injured.

At about 4.20pm, a bus driven by a 56-year-old man was travelling along Fanling Highway towards Sheung Shui. When approaching Tsung Pak Long, the bus reportedly lost control and rammed into barriers and trees.

In the accident, three male passengers and two female passengers, aged between 31 and 55 were certified dead at scene. Sustaining serious injuries, a 59-year-old female passenger was rushed to North District Hospital in unconscious state and was later certified dead at 5.22pm. In addition, the 56-year-old male bus driver, 21 male passengers and 17 female passengers, aged between 3 to 74, were also injured in the accident. They were sent to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, North District Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital and Tuen Mun Hospital respectively for medical treatment.

The 56-year-old male bus driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is still being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Regional Crime Unit, New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 7297 or 3661 7298.

Inter-departmental help desk sets up (2)

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In response to a serious traffic accident at Fanling Highway, the Kwai Tsing District Office has set up an inter-departmental help desk at 1/F, Kwai Chung Public Mortuary for assistance and public enquiries. The help desk

hotline is 9020 9115.