

Auction of traditional vehicle registration marks to be held on December 14

The Transport Department today (November 28) announced that the auction of traditional vehicle registration marks will be held on December 14 (Saturday), in Meeting Room S221, L2, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 340 vehicle registration marks will be put up for public auction. The list of marks has been uploaded at the department's website, www.td.gov.hk," a department spokesman said.

Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$1,000 to reserve a mark for auction should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price of \$1,000). Otherwise, the mark may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

(a) Successful bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after the successful bidding:

- (1) the identity document of the successful bidder;
- (2) the identity document of the purchaser if it is different from the successful bidder;
- (3) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation if the purchaser is a body corporate; and
- (4) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". (For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed.) Successful bidders can also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS). Payment by post-dated cheques, cash or other methods will not be accepted.

(b) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of Registration Mark immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted.

(c) A vehicle registration mark can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(d) Special registration marks are non-transferable. Where the ownership of a motor vehicle with a special registration mark is transferred, the allocation of the special registration mark shall be cancelled.

(e) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the registration mark to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the registration mark within 12 months, allocation of the mark will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of Vehicle Registration Marks, which can be downloaded from the department's website, www.td.gov.hk.

[Leading international professionals speak at 2nd Museum Summit in Hong Kong \(with photo\)](#)

The 2nd Museum Summit opened at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre today (November 28). Presented under the theme "Formation and Transformation", the summit has brought together more than 30 speakers who are leading figures and professionals of world-renowned museums. They are discussing their expert experience, foresight and innovative ideas on the development and transformation of museums nowadays across the world.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said that the summit provides a timely platform to stimulate minds while museums around the world are facing new challenges brought about by new technologies, rapid changes in people's lifestyles and booming choices for cultural activities.

He added that Hong Kong aspires to be at the forefront of museum development and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government attaches great importance to the upgrading of Hong Kong's cultural facilities and strives to enrich the local museum ecology through launching new developments.

Being held today and tomorrow (November 29), the 2nd Museum Summit is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in partnership with the British Museum.

The advent of new technologies has not only brought about rapid changes

in people's lifestyles, but also prompted museums around the world, art museums in particular, to redefine themselves. To cope with the challenges posed to their traditional roles and functions, many museums are reinventing themselves by initiating new developments in facilities, exhibitions and programmes, as well as audience building. Placing collections, artists and their creations at the core, art museums tend to integrate exhibition, education and social functions in design and programming to stay relevant to the contemporary world, to establish stronger links with young audiences, and to engage increasingly diverse communities.

As a gateway where East meets West, Hong Kong is committed to providing a platform for professional exchanges and fostering collaboration among museums and cultural institutions from around the world. The LCSD is specifically presenting the summit to provide an opportunity for some of the most brilliant minds from museums to connect, exchange views and discuss experiences.

For details of the Museum Summit, please visit www.museumsummit.gov.hk/en/index.html.



[Rescheduling and refund arrangements for "Now, 30"](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department today (November 28) announced the rescheduling and refund arrangements for the concert "Now, 30", which was originally scheduled for October 20. The rescheduled concert will be held at 8pm on February 15 (Saturday) next year at the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC).

Ticket holders of the postponed concert can attend the rescheduled performance. Patrons who are unable to attend can keep their original intact tickets with stubs and ask for refunds from tomorrow (November 29) to December 20 (Friday) at the URBTIX Box Offices of the HKCC or Hong Kong City Hall (from 10am to 9.30pm daily). Late applications will not be accepted.

Tickets for the rescheduled concert will be available from December 16 (Monday) at URBTIX. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_838.html.

HKSARG strongly objects to acts on Hong Kong becoming US law

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government today (November 28) expressed strong opposition to the fact that the "Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act" (the Act) and another act on Hong Kong have become United States (US) law and deeply regretted that the US has disregarded the genuine concerns raised repeatedly by Hong Kong on the two acts. The two acts clearly intervene in Hong Kong's internal affairs. They are unnecessary and unwarranted, and would harm the relations and common interests between Hong Kong and the US.

A Government spokesman said, "The two acts are unreasonable. Although human rights and democracy are mentioned in the title of the Act, some of the provisions in the Act are actually about export control and enforcement of the sanctions imposed by the United Nations in Hong Kong, which are totally unrelated to human rights and democracy in Hong Kong. The two acts will also send an erroneous signal to protesters, which is not conducive to alleviating the situation in Hong Kong.

"The US has enormous economic interests in Hong Kong, including earning from Hong Kong the largest bilateral trade surplus amongst her global trading partners for the past decade, and the surplus stood at over USD 33 billion last year. Any unilateral change of US economic and trade policy towards Hong Kong would create a negative impact on the relations between the two sides as well as the US' own interests. Furthermore, Hong Kong and the US have all along had close co-operation on export control and law enforcement.

"The HKSAR Government hopes that the US Government would adopt a pragmatic attitude, and would, with the interest of the mutually beneficial relations between Hong Kong and the US as well as the US' own interests in Hong Kong in mind, maintain her economic and trade policy and principled positions towards Hong Kong as well as continue to respect Hong Kong's status as a separate customs territory."

The spokesman reiterated that foreign governments and legislatures should not interfere in any form in the internal affairs of the HKSAR.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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 (November 28) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.