Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (July 10) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches (see Note 1) and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay, see Note 2).

Nineteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 11 as Fair (Grade 2) and nine as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach*	Middle Bay Beach
Chung Hom Kok Beach	Repulse Bay Beach*
Clear Water Bay First Beach*	Shek O Beach*
Deep Water Bay Beach*	South Bay Beach*
Discovery Bay	St Stephen's Beach
Hap Mun Bay Beach*	Stanley Main Beach*
Hung Shing Yeh Beach*	Trio Beach*
Kiu Tsui Beach	Turtle Cove Beach
Kwun Yam Beach	Upper Cheung Sha Beach
Lo So Shing Beach	

Grade 2 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach*	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach*
Cafeteria Old Beach	Pui O Beach*
Castle Peak Beach*	Silver Mine Bay Beach*
Clear Water Bay Second Beach*	Silverstrand Beach*
Kadoorie Beach	Tong Fuk Beach
Lower Cheung Sha Beach*	

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Golden Beach*
Approach Beach*	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
Butterfly Beach*	Lido Beach*
Cafeteria New Beach*	Ting Kau Beach*
Casam Beach*	

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades, namely Good (Grade 1), Fair (Grade 2), Poor (Grade 3) and Very Poor

(Grade 4), according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the EPD's website on Beach Water Quality (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

Note 1: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced that 25 gazetted beaches (marked with an asterisk above) have reopened, while all the other beaches will remain temporarily closed until further notice.

Note 2: Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.