

Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 30) 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).

Twenty-nine beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1) and 10 as Fair (Grade 2).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach*	Kwun Yam Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Lo So Shing Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Lower Cheung Sha Beach
Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	Middle Bay Beach*
Chung Hom Kok Beach	Pui O Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Repulse Bay Beach*
Clear Water Bay Second Beach*	Shek O Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach*	South Bay Beach
Discovery Bay	St Stephen's Beach
Golden Beach*	Stanley Main Beach*
Hap Mun Bay Beach	Tong Fuk Beach
Hoi Mei Wan Beach	Trio Beach
Hung Shing Yeh Beach	Turtle Cove Beach
Kadoorie Beach	Upper Cheung Sha Beach
Kiu Tsui Beach	

Grade 2 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Lido Beach
Approach Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Butterfly Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach*
Casam Beach	Silverstrand Beach*
Castle Peak Beach	Ting Kau 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: In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on October 27 that all gazetted beaches will reopen on November 3, with lifeguard services provided in November at nine beaches marked with an asterisk above.

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