## Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 26) released the latest grading of water quality of 38 gazetted beaches\* that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay\*\*).

Twenty-eight beaches were rated as  $\operatorname{Good}$  (Grade 1) and 11 as Fair (Grade 2).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach
Approach Beach
Big Wave Bay Beach
Casam Beach
Castle Peak Beach
Hoi Mei Wan Beach

Lido Beach Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach Pui O Beach Silver Mine Bay Beach Ting Kau Beach

\* The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today that Pui O Beach will reopen tomorrow (October 27). In addition, LCSD has also announced earlier on the reopening of 14 beaches, including Butterfly Beach, Castle Peak Beach, Kadoorie Beach, Cafeteria Old Beach, Cafeteria New Beach and Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District; Anglers' Beach, Hoi Mei Wan Beach, Approach Beach and Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach in Tsuen Wan District; Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach and Silver Mine Bay Beach in Islands District; and Repulse Bay Beach in Southern District. Meanwhile, other gazetted beaches in Southern, Tsuen Wan, Islands and Sai Kung Districts will remain closed until further notice.

\*\* Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

\*\*\* The Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works recently damaged by typhoon is under repair. The public is advised to avoid water contact recreational activities at Kiu Tsui Beach, Trio Beach and Hap Mun Bay Beach where water quality may be temporarily affected until further notice.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades 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. Latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's websites on Beach Water Quality (<a href="https://www.beachwq.gov.hk">www.beachwq.gov.hk</a> or www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.