

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (March 23). They are, on Hong Kong Island, The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council; in Kowloon, Hong Kong and Macao Lions Beacon for Youth Foundation Limited; and in the New Territories, The Samaritans, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Arrangements have been made with the charities to help people to distinguish among the three flag-selling activities.

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on March 23 is as follows:

Region	Name of organisation	Colour of collection bag	Colour of flag
Hong Kong Island	The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council	Yellow	Orange
Kowloon	Hong Kong and Macao Lions Beacon for Youth Foundation Limited	Blue	Blue
New Territories	The Samaritans	Orange	White

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permits have been published on the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flag-selling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/controlofc/flagdays) for reference. For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678.

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.