Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (August 23). They are, on Hong Kong Island, the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation Limited; in Kowloon, Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong; and in the New Territories, Hong Chi Association, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

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

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

Region		UI AI I ACTIAN	Colour of Flag
Hong Kong Island	The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation Limited	Red	Red
	Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong	Red	Light Blue
New Territories	Hong Chi Association	Green	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 (<u>www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search</u>). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flagselling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website

(www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_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.