Regional flag-selling activities cancelled

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been informed by the three flag day organisers that the regional flag-selling activities in public places scheduled to be held today (July 18) have been cancelled, a spokesman for the SWD said.

The three charities are Children's Thalassaemia Foundation, Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power and Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited. They had been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories from 7am to 12.30pm today.

For enquiries, please contact the organisations concerned. Contact information of the organisations is as follows:

Region	Name of Organisation		Contact Number
Island	I UUIUALIUII	J J	2523 5400
Kowloon	Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power	Miss Chui	3471 7000
New Territories	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	Ms So	2792 1762

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permit 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 (<u>www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_flagdays/</u>) for

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If any flag day activity is suspected to be fraudulent, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.