

Tung Chung Swimming Pool temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (February 3) that Tung Chung Swimming Pool in Islands District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of faeces in the pool.

It will be reopened at 3.45pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (February 3) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold

flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (February 3). They are, on Hong Kong Island, The Society for Truth and Light; in Kowloon, The Hong Kong Asthma Society; and in the New Territories, The Church of United Brethren in Christ, Social Service Division, 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 February 3 is as follows:

Region	Name of organisation	Colour of collection bag	Colour of flag
Hong Kong Island	The Society for Truth and Light	Orange	Orange
Kowloon	The Hong Kong Asthma Society	Purple	White
New Territories	The Church of United Brethren in Christ, Social Service Division	Blue	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.

[TLB's response to media enquiries on suspected delay to Three-Runway System project](#)

â€‹In response to media enquiries on an overseas media's report today (February 2) alleging that there are delays to the Three-Runway System

project (3RS), a spokesman for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said that the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) is taking forward the 3RS at full steam according to schedule. It is a clear target of AAHK to complete all the building and infrastructure works of the 3RS and put all three runways into operation within 2024. The AAHK will open relevant passenger facilities progressively in the light of passenger traffic demand.

The spokesman stresses that there is absolutely no question of delay of the 3RS project and that any such allegation is groundless.

[LegCo Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis examines development of innovation and technology establishments in Shenzhen \(with photos\)](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis conducted a duty visit to the Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone (Shenzhen Park of Hetao) and Guangming Science City in Shenzhen today (February 2) to understand the development of these two innovation and technology (I&T) establishments, and to exchange views with the relevant Mainland authorities and institutions on ways to develop the Northern Metropolis and promote the synergistic development of Shenzhen and Hong Kong in I&T. Members who participated in the duty visit returned to Hong Kong in the evening.

Members first visited the exhibition hall of the Shenzhen Park of Hetao in the morning. In August last year, the Central Government promulgated the Development Plan for Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, setting out the deployment positioning of the Shenzhen Park of Hetao. Members learnt that the Co-operation Zone will be developed under the "one zone, two parks" model. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government are exploring and fostering innovative measures on various aspects such as providing travel convenience for research and development personnel; facilitating cross-boundary capital flow within the Co-operation Zone and exchanges on research data and samples.

Members then went to Futian District to visit the industrial park of XtalPi, a drug research and development technology company in Shenzhen. During touring the facilities in the park, Members received a briefing by the company's representatives on Artificial Intelligence pharmaceutical technology.

Accompanied by representatives from the Development and Reform Bureau of Guangming District, Members went to Guangming Science City in the afternoon and visited the Guangming District Urban Planning Exhibition Hall, to understand the overall planning concept of Guangmingcheng. Members then moved to Guangming Life Science Park and visited the Infrastructure for SynBio and the Brain Science Infrastructure therein. These two major technological facilities commenced operation in November 2023, with a view to further gathering global high-end scientific research resources and supporting basic research in the Greater Bay Area so as to enhance the efficiency of the commercialisation of scientific research outcomes.

Members at last visited the Shenzhen headquarters of Huawei, a provider of information and communications technology infrastructure and smart devices, to learn about its smart infrastructure and application of big data technology. Members also exchanged views with representatives of Huawei on how to integrate smart technology into urban planning.

Members who participated in the visit were the chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr Lau Kwok-fan; Subcommittee members Ms Elizabeth Quat, Mr Yiu Pak-leung, Mr Yim Kong and Professor William Wong; as well as non-Subcommittee members Mr Paul Tse, Dr Junius Ho and Ms Judy Chan. The Under Secretary for Development, Mr David Lam, and the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, also participated in the visit.



