

## **Meeting of Legislative Council Committee**

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Committee will hold an open meeting during the week from September 10 to 14 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meeting are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

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## **SCS to conduct North America visit on civil service management and training**

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, will depart for the United States and Canada on September 10 to visit Boston, New York, Ottawa and Toronto to understand more about the civil service management and training there.

Apart from visiting prominent institutes, Mr Law will also exchange views with government officials on the management and training of civil servants.

Mr Law will conclude his visit on September 14 (Toronto time) and return to Hong Kong in the morning on September 16.

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## **Grading of beach water quality**

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The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (September 7) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay\*).

Eighteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 16 as Fair (Grade 2) and five as Poor (Grade 3).

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Grade 2 beaches are:

Butterfly Beach	Hoi Mei Wan Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Kadoorie Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Lido Beach
Casam Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Pui O Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Discovery Bay	Silverstrand Beach
Golden Beach	Stanley Main Beach

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Castle Peak Beach
Approach Beach	Ting Kau Beach
Big Wave Bay Beach	

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

Compared with the grading released last week, Cafeteria New Beach and Clear Water Bay First Beach have been changed from Grade 1 to Grade 2, and Approach Beach, Big Wave Bay Beach, Castle Peak Beach and Ting Kau Beach from Grade 2 to Grade 3.

"The changes are generally within the normal range of fluctuation of the bacteriological water quality of the beaches," an EPD spokesman said.

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.

While the ratings represent the general water quality at the beaches, the EPD spokesman reminded members of the public that water quality could be temporarily affected during and after periods of heavy rain. Bathers should avoid swimming at beaches for up to three days after a storm or heavy rainfall.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's websites on Beach Water Quality ([www.beachwq.gov.hk](http://www.beachwq.gov.hk) and [www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach)) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

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## **“#ArtTravellers Exhibition Series III: Tracing along the Green Blades” transforms exotic plants into journey maps**

The Art Promotion Office today (September 7) launched an exhibition entitled “#ArtTravellers Exhibition Series III: Tracing along the Green Blades” at the 1/F Lobby of Trade and Industry Tower. Featuring works by Carol Lee and Trevor Yeung, two artists specialising in different media, the exhibition showcases unique travelogues which were created with exotic plants collected in their journeys. Through their artworks, Lee and Yeung present new meanings in flora.

Carol Lee preserves blooms by flower pressing, and she has used specimens in her work for this exhibition. Without adding any chemicals to preserve the colours of the plants, nor speeding up the drying process, she simply presses them between pages of her notebook – freezing the natural forms of the plants and capturing her travel memories. Lee started making pressed flowers in 2013, and has now collected around 500 species of plants from Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Trevor Yeung uses plants, including bonsai, as the media to show his interpretation of the similarities between plant behaviour and human relationships, as well as to reflect his personal life experience. For this exhibition, Yeung has employed butterfly palms and plants with mutated white patterns respectively for his works “Mr Universal Butterflies” and “Variegated Island”. He has also showcased the flowerpots he collected while

travelling. The artwork "Planter Tower" was created by piling up flowerpots from his collection.

Organised by the Art Promotion Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Tracing along the Green Blades" is the third phase of the three-year #ArtTravellers exhibition series and will run until March 23 next year. Artists contributing to the exhibition series use different media to encourage viewers to explore the little details one may often miss during a journey, and to reflect on the meaning of travel from a new perspective.

For details and the latest updates of the exhibition, please visit the Art Promotion Office's website at [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/AP0/en\\_US/web/apo/tracing\\_along\\_the\\_green\\_blades.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/AP0/en_US/web/apo/tracing_along_the_green_blades.html), follow the ArtTravellers Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/apo.arttravellers](http://www.facebook.com/apo.arttravellers)) or Instagram page ([www.instagram.com/apo.arttravellers](http://www.instagram.com/apo.arttravellers)), or call 2512 3000.

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