

SCS and SED visit Wan Chai District (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, and the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, visited Wan Chai District today (September 3), where they met with kindergarten students who had just started their new term and some senior secondary students on a career exploration programme, as well as meeting with members of Wan Chai District Council (WCDC).

Accompanied by the Chairman of the WCDC, Mr Stephen Ng, the Vice-chairman of WCDC, Dr Jennifer Chow, and the District Officer (Wan Chai), Mr Rick Chan, Mr Law and Mr Yeung first went to St James' Settlement, where they joined some high-school students in a "Career Live" activity.

Placed in workplace simulations, "Career Live" students complete field tasks to the best of their abilities using the relevant tools. They then learn about the entry requirements, nature and work situation of different professions, and reflect on their interests, abilities and what they have learnt during a group evaluation session.

The two Directors of Bureaux listened to students' explain how the programme has enhanced their self-understanding and helped them to set up their career goals. Both Mr Law and Mr Yeung encouraged the students to be proactive in their learning and future exploration, in order to better prepare themselves for further study and career development.

Mr Law and Mr Yeung went on to the Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Cheerland Kindergarten (Wanchai) where they learnt more about toddlers getting back to school with their teachers' help.

After gaining a better understanding of students' school life and career guidance, Mr Law and Mr Yeung exchanged views with the Wan Chai district councillors on matters concerning the civil service, education and the district.





Secretary for Justice to visit Guangzhou and Shenzhen

The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, will visit Guangzhou and Shenzhen from tomorrow (September 4) to September 6.

In Guangzhou, Ms Cheng will officiate at the opening of the fifth Hong Kong Legal Services Forum.

The Forum has been held on a biennial basis in different cities on the Mainland since 2010. The theme of the Forum this year is "From Bay Area to International Arena". The Forum aims to promote the legal and dispute resolution services of Hong Kong to enterprises and other service users in the Mainland. It is part of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Justice to consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific region.

During her visit, Ms Cheng will also meet with officials of Guangdong Province and visit court facilities in Shenzhen.

Update on cluster of Rhinovirus cases in Siu Lam Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Rhinovirus in a male ward for severe intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following update today (September 3):

One more 58-year-old patient in the ward presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patient and the test results were positive for Rhinovirus. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and is in a stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.

MD appointed as Assessment Agency for Professional Maritime Qualifications

The Marine Department (MD) has been appointed by the Secretary for Education as the Assessment Agency for Professional Maritime Qualifications under the Qualifications Framework (QF) for a period of five years commencing today (September 3).

The MD is the first government department to be appointed as the Assessment Agency for Professional Maritime Qualifications under the QF.

Seven professional maritime qualifications have been accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) and are recognised under the QF, namely seagoing Certificates of Competency (CoCs) for Deck Officer Class 3, Class 2 and Class 1; CoCs for Marine Engineer Officer Class 3, Class 2 and Class 1; and CoCs for Electro-technical Officer. The CoCs for Deck Officer Class 2 and Class 1 and for

Marine Engineer Officer Class 2 and Class 1 are pitched at QF Level 5, whereas the CoCs for Deck Officer Class 3, Marine Engineer Class 3 and Electro-technical Officer are pitched at QF Level 4.

The spokesperson for the MD said, "With the support of the Manpower Development Committee of the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, the MD started the accreditation exercise in January 2017 with a view to recognising the various seagoing CoCs granted by the Department under the QF. The appointment as the Assessment Agency has proved that the MD has a fair, transparent and consistent assessment strategy under which valid and reliable assessment methods for the CoCs have been developed. It is a milestone for the maritime industry, as such recognition of the professional seafaring qualifications will provide a clear progression ladder for new blood to pursue studies and qualification development in the industry."

Candidates sitting for the examination to attain any of the above seven seagoing CoCs starting September 3, 2018 will be accredited by the MD with the relevant professional maritime qualification under the QF.

[Final report on investigation into accident involving Cessna 152 aircraft released](#)

The investigation team of the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) today (September 3) published the final report (1/2018) of the investigation into an accident involving a Cessna 152 aircraft (registration mark B-HPA) operated by a student pilot of the Hong Kong Aviation Club (HKAC) at Shek Kong Airfield on May 21, 2016.

The accident occurred during the landing of a solo training flight, when the aircraft bounced and lifted into the air. Upon its second touch-down, the nose wheel of the aircraft hit the ground heavily, which resulted in the propeller striking and collapsing the nose landing gear. The aircraft finally stopped on the runway in a nose-down position. The student pilot was uninjured.

"After the accident, the Chief Inspector of Accidents ordered an inspector's investigation in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Chapter 448 sub-legislation B). The sole purpose of the investigation was to determine the circumstances and the possible causes of the accident in order to prevent future recurrence," a CAD spokesperson said.

The investigation was conducted by a team of professional accident

investigators in strict adherence to the international standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization. The investigation report contains an analysis of the circumstances of the accident, and reveals that possibly, due to the startle factor, the published bailed landing procedures had not been properly adhered to due to delay, deviation or lapse, resulting in the accident. The investigation team made three safety recommendations in respect of enhancement of training on bailed landing procedures and a mechanism for assessment of student pilots' performance by the HKAC.

Throughout the accident investigation, all parties concerned were given ample opportunities to comment on the report, and they do not have further comment on the report.

The report is available for downloading from the CAD's website (www.cad.gov.hk/english/reports.html).