

Regional flag day today

Three charities have been issued Public Subscription Permits to hold flag sales from 7am to 12.30pm today (July 25). They are, on Hong Kong Island, Methodist Centre; in Kowloon, Kwun Tong Resident Association; and in the New Territories, Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

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

Information on the three flag-selling organisations on July 25 is as follows:

Region	Name of Organisation	Colour of Collection Bag	Colour of Flag
Hong Kong Island	Methodist Centre	Green	Green
Kowloon	Kwun Tong Resident Association	Orange	Orange
New Territories	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	Yellow	White

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the Charitable Fund-raising Control Team at 2832 4311 during office hours. Information on the flag days of the month is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on 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_recentlyap). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

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.

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Police officers sped to the scene, and found the 35-year-old woman and the two-year-old boy lying unconsciously outside the above location. The woman and the boy were rushed to United Christian Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital respectively. The woman was certified dead at 3.24pm.

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Vegetable stall in Tai Po operated by Bonnie Vegetables and Fruit Wholesale Limited convicted for causing noise nuisance

A vegetable chain stall, operated by Bonnie Vegetables and Fruit Wholesale Limited at Kwong Fuk Road in Tai Po, caused noise nuisance by playing promotional recordings loudly and continuously to peddle goods. It was fined a total of \$14,000 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (July 24) for contravening the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO).

An Environmental Protection Department (EPD) spokesman said that from early this year, the department received many complaints from members of the public about a vegetable stall at Kwong Fuk Road in Tai Po persistently playing promotional recordings during operating hours to sell goods by using loudspeakers, which adversely affected nearby residents. The EPD conducted enforcement operations against the vegetable stall concerned on February 3 and February 8 this year. Upon on-site assessment by EPD staff, it was confirmed that the noise caused annoyance and the department subsequently prosecuted the vegetable stall under the NCO.

After a series of enforcement actions, the noise level of the above vegetable stall has improved. The EPD will continue to closely monitor the situation. Criminal prosecution against the director of the operating company may be considered if repeated contravention by the stall is detected.

The spokesman reminded persons responsible for retail shops and market stalls that when they play promotional recordings to sell goods, they should contain the noise level within their shop area and should not cause annoyance to other people outside their shops or nearby residents. Otherwise, it constitutes an offence, and offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000. For stores with repeated contraventions, the operator himself will

also be criminally liable for the offence once convicted.

SED to visit Huizhou

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, will leave Hong Kong in the morning on July 26 (Thursday) for an official visit to Huizhou, Guangdong Province.

Huizhou is one of the cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. Mr Yeung will meet with education officials of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Huizhou Municipal Government on co-operation opportunities in education. He will also visit other cities in the Bay Area in the future.

Mr Yeung will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on the same day.