

Suspension of "A Symphony of Lights"

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations,

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

The Tourism Commission announces that due to the issuing of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 by the Hong Kong Observatory, "A Symphony of Lights" will be cancelled tonight (July 17).

"Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life" exhibition extended to 2020

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the passing of the internationally renowned movie star Bruce Lee. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (July 17) announced that the "Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life" exhibition being held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum will be extended until 2020. The museum will launch a souvenir miniature statue of Bruce Lee and hold a special programme with an interactive talk and demonstration.

Since its opening in 2013, the "Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life" exhibition has enjoyed continuous popularity, attracting an average of about 600 000 visitors a year. Following mutual consent this year between the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and the Bruce Lee Foundation in the US, the exhibition period will be extended to July 20, 2020. The local and overseas collectors of the Bruce Lee memorabilia whose collection pieces are now on display at the exhibition have also agreed to extend the loan of their items, to let the legend of Bruce Lee go on at the museum.

When the exhibition opened in 2013, noted local sculptor Chu Tat-shing was invited to create a new statue of Bruce Lee. The statue, 3.5 metres high, shows a strong side-kicking image of Bruce Lee and is displayed at the entrance of the museum. This year Chu was engaged again to produce 200 limited edition miniature bronze statues of Bruce Lee as memorabilia to be put on sale in the fourth quarter of this year. With a height of about 30 centimetres, the souvenir statue will be modelled on the same side-kicking posture of the 3.5m one.

Furthermore, an interactive talk and demonstration entitled "Bruce Lee's Philosophy and Jeet Kune Do" (in Cantonese) will be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum on July 28 (Saturday). The President of Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do

(Hong Kong) and Permanent Honorary Advisor of the Ving Tsun Athletic Association, Dr Lewis Luk, has been invited to be the speaker.

Bruce Lee started out with practical street-fighting skills, but later drew on the traditional Chinese martial art of wing chun as well as Western boxing and fencing techniques to create his own system, which he named Jeet Kune Do. Dr Luk – a student of Bruce Lee's seniors and disciples, including Hong Kong wing chun master Wong Shun-leung (an instructor of Bruce Lee) and Jeet Kune Do master Ted Wong – will explain in detail Bruce Lee's philosophy and Jeet Kune Do and give demonstrations.

The talk will be held from 3pm to 4.30pm at the seminar room on the ground floor of the museum. A maximum of 80 participants are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please call 2180 8260.

The "Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life" exhibition is presented by the LCSD, jointly organised by the Bruce Lee Foundation and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, and sponsored by Fortune Star Media Limited. The exhibition features more than 600 invaluable artefacts, taking visitors on a marvellous journey through the life and achievements of Bruce Lee.

For details about the exhibition, please visit the museum's website at www.heritagemuseum.gov.hk/en_US/web/hm/exhibitions/data/exid209.html or call 2180 8188.

The Hong Kong Heritage Museum is located at 1 Man Lam Road, Sha Tin.

Care centres remain open

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals:

The Social Welfare Department announces that while Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 has been issued, all child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres and day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres and day activity centres, remain open. However, if necessary, members of the public can contact the centres to make arrangements for the safe return home of their children and family members.

Make prior work arrangements for typhoons and rainstorms

The Labour Department (LD) today (July 17) reminded employers to make prior work arrangements for staff in times of typhoons and rainstorms as soon as possible.

"To avoid disputes and confusion, employers should make prior work arrangements for staff and contingency measures in times of typhoons and rainstorms," an LD spokesman said.

"In working out and enforcing the arrangements, employers should give prime consideration to employees' safety both in the workplace and during their journeys to and from work, and adopt a flexible approach. Whenever possible, they should consult their staff."

The work arrangements should cover the following matters:

- * Whether employees are required to report for duty when different typhoon signals or rainstorm warnings are issued;
- * When a typhoon signal or rainstorm warning is issued during working hours, whether employees will be released from work and, if so, the arrangements;
- * After a typhoon signal or rainstorm warning is cancelled, the time for staff who have not reported for duty to resume work and the arrangements;
- * How wages and allowances (if any) will be calculated for staff who are required to report for duty and those who are late for work or absent from work during typhoons and rainstorms; and
- * For employees who are required to travel to and from workplaces during typhoons and rainstorms, whether transport facilities will be provided to them and, if so, the arrangements.

"Employers should make realistic assessments of the requirements for essential staff and require only absolutely essential staff to report for duty in adverse weather conditions. When weather conditions continue to worsen and public transport services are to be suspended shortly, employers should release their staff as soon as practicable.

"When a Pre-No. 8 Special Announcement is issued during working hours, employers should release employees from work in stages as soon as practicable. To ensure the safety of employees and to enable them to arrive home before suspension of public transport services, employees who have mobility problems (for example, pregnant employees or those with physical disability), employees who rely on transport services which are prone to being affected by adverse weather conditions (for example, ferry services) for commuting to and from work, and those who work in or are living in remote areas (for example, outlying islands) should be given priority to leave. Other employees should be released later in stages according to their travelling distance or the time required for returning home.

"If possible, employers should provide transport services for employees who are still required to travel to and from workplaces when Typhoon Warning Signal No. 8 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning is in force, or give them a special travelling allowance as encouragement.

"As typhoons and rainstorms are natural occurrences that cannot be avoided, employers should not deduct wages of employees who are absent from or late for work because of inclement weather. Neither should employers dismiss an employee summarily based on these grounds," he said.

The spokesman also reminded employers to observe the statutory liabilities and requirements under the Employment Ordinance, the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, the Employees' Compensation Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Employers should also note that they have an obligation to maintain a safe workplace for their employees under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance.

"If employees are required to work in times of typhoons and rainstorms, employers should ensure that the risks at work are properly controlled and reduced to levels that are as low as reasonably practicable," the spokesman said.

Under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, employers are liable to pay compensation for deaths or injuries incurred when employees are travelling by a direct route from their residences to workplaces, or from workplaces back to residences after work, four hours before or after working hours on a day when Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or a Red or Black Rainstorm Warning is in force.

To provide practical guidelines and samples of work arrangements for the reference of employers and employees, the LD has issued the booklet "Code of Practice in times of Typhoons and Rainstorms". The code can be obtained from the branch offices of the Labour Relations Division or downloaded from the department's webpage (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/wcp/Rainstorm.pdf).

Classes of kindergartens and some special schools suspended

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement by the Education Bureau concerning schools, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 is now in force, classes of kindergartens, schools for children with physical disability and schools for children with intellectual disability are suspended today. These schools, however, should keep their premises open and implement contingency measures to look after arriving students. They should ensure that conditions are safe before allowing students to return home.