

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 9) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Clear Water Bay First Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

“Fire Safety x Press to Shock, Save a Life” training programme for foreign domestic helpers launched (with photos)

The Consul-General of the Philippines in Hong Kong, Mr Antonio Morales, and the Director of Fire Services, Mr Li Kin-yat, officiated at the launch ceremony of the "Fire Safety x Press to Shock, Save a Life" training programme today (July 8) at Sheung Wan Fire Station.

The programme is jointly organised by the Fire Services Department (FSD), the Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong and the Domestic Workers Empowerment Project.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Li said one of the programmes to enhance fire safety awareness is the Fire Safety Ambassador Scheme. "To ensure that different ethnic communities know the important fire safety messages, we have conducted tailor-made fire safety programmes for them and prepared the pamphlets 'Fire Escape' and 'Fire Prevention in Home' in different languages."

"FSD has launched the 'Press to Shock, Save a Life' training programme last year, which aimed to encourage the public to help save life by performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and using automated external defibrillator (AED) before the arrival of ambulance crew. Members of the public are encouraged to take part in the training programme since early defibrillation and CPR can enhance the chance of survival. Foreign domestic helpers play an essential role in providing home care service to children and

the elderly in local households. As members of many households in Hong Kong, they can contribute greatly in enhancing fire safety and the emergency resuscitation of cardiac arrest patients," he added.

Mr Morales pointed out that, as carers and first responders in many homes in Hong Kong, household service helpers play a critical role in saving lives. "This training programme will help equip them with basic rescue and safety skills, and will make them more effective and competent helpers," he said.

The ceremony attracted about 100 foreign domestic helpers. Many of them took the opportunity to try out the use of fire extinguishers and perform CPR. The programme is expected to provide training to about 600 foreign domestic helpers by the end of this year.



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Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board will meet on Tuesday (July 10) to consider eight applications for new issue, renewal or transfer of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

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"Lun Gor Private Club West Point Branch" in Shek Tong Tsui
The Den and PIZZAEXPRESS in Sai Ying Pun
A SIDE & B SIDE in Sheung Wan
Pampas Argentinian Steak House and ESTIATORIO KEIA in Central

Kowloon:

—
HOUSE in Sham Shui Po

New Territories:

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"Happiness Restaurant" in Tsuen Wan

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend, except during the private session on confidential items.

Total number of local companies surpasses 1.4 million

The total number of local companies registered under the Companies Ordinance reached 1,407,743 at the end of June this year, up 23,797 on the figure at the end of 2017, according to the statistics released by the Companies Registry today (July 8).

A total of 85,449 local companies were newly registered during the first half of 2018, among which 30,447 were incorporated online via the one-stop electronic company incorporation and business registration service at the e-Registry (www.eregistry.gov.hk).

With effect from March 1, all companies incorporated in Hong Kong, except listed companies, are required to maintain up-to-date beneficial ownership information by way of keeping a Significant Controllers Register. The Register should be open for inspection by law enforcement officers upon demand.

Further, a new licensing regime has been introduced to require all trust or company service providers to apply for a licence from the Registrar of Companies before they can provide trust or company services as a business in Hong Kong.

"The new initiatives have enhanced Hong Kong's regulatory regime for combating money laundering and terrorist financing. The Registry currently conducts site inspections to ensure proper compliance with the new requirements," said the Registrar of Companies, Ms Ada Chung.

Regarding non-Hong Kong companies that have established a place of business in Hong Kong, 592 companies were newly registered under the Companies Ordinance in the first half of 2018, compared to 566 in the second half of 2017. The total number of registered non-Hong Kong companies reached 10,755 by the end of June 2018.

The number of charges on assets of companies received for registration in the first half of this year was 10,372, a 4.8 per cent decrease from 10,895 in the second half of 2017. The number of notifications of payments and releases received for registration in the first half of this year was 12,445, an increase of 6.44 per cent compared to 11,692 in the second half of 2017.

The number of documents received for registration during the first six months of 2018 increased by 21.34 per cent to 1,729,547, compared to 1,425,424 in the second half of 2017.

A total of 2,495,508 searches of document image records were conducted

through the Registry's electronic search services in the first half of 2018, an increase of 10.25 per cent when compared to the figure of 2,263,567 in the second half of 2017.

For details of the statistics, please visit the "Statistics" section of the Registry's website (www.cr.gov.hk).