

# Research Grants Council to present public lecture on “Cancer Therapy: Immunotherapy and Medicine” on July 14

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

The Research Grants Council (RGC) will present its second public lecture this year under the theme "Cancer Therapy: Immunotherapy and Medicine" on July 14 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong Science Museum.

The RGC has invited Professor Brigette Ma of the Department of Clinical Oncology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Assistant Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Hong Kong Dr David Chan to share their research findings and knowledge with the public. Details are as follows:

Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum

Language: Cantonese

Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancer immunotherapy aims to fight cancer with the patient's own immune system, and it has potential to induce long-lasting benefits without intolerable side effects in the human host. The development of cancer immunotherapy has gone through many trials and tribulations since Dr William Coley's serendipitous discovery in the 1890s, and for many years it has been sidelined to the fringes of mainstream oncology. Professor Ma will deliver a talk on "Cancer Immunotherapy – An Epic Trilogy of Serendipity, Skepticism and Scientific Breakthrough" to take the audience through a journey from the view of a cancer doctor to witness the renaissance of cancer immunotherapy in nasopharyngeal and other cancers.

Ovarian cancer is one of the most lethal gynaecologic malignancies worldwide. Different from other solid tumours, ovarian cancer is an intra-abdominal tumour in which the presence of ascites enables metastatic dissemination and correlates with poor prognosis. Malignant ascites provide a key reservoir of growth factors and nutrients to augment ovarian cancer aggressiveness. Dr Chan will give a talk entitled "The tumour microenvironment on ovarian cancer progression and the potential target-based therapy" to discuss how all these factors are being studied to identify new principles leading to novel therapeutic avenues.

The public lectures of the RGC aim at arousing public interest in local research developments. Since 2009, the RGC has invited numerous leading scholars to speak at these lectures. For enquiries, please call 2524 3987 or visit the University Grants Committee webpage ([www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/lectures/lectures.html](http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/lectures/lectures.html)).

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## 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality . Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade to be held this Sunday

The 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality»Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade will be held at 3pm this Sunday (July 8) at Golden Bauhinia Square and off Wan Chai in Victoria Harbour. Around 1 000 people will participate in the parade, performances and game booths to open the 2018 Wan Chai Festival as well as to showcase the vibrancy and diversity of Wan Chai District.

Performances by artistes, district organisations and schools will be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square. Members of the public can also have fun in the game booths.

The Secretary of Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, and the Deputy Director General of the Hong Kong Island Sub-office of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Chen Xubin, will officiate at the opening ceremony at 4pm at Golden Bauhinia Square.

After the ceremony, more than 10 vessels and two helicopters will join a parade off the coast of the square. Led by the Hong Kong Police Band, more than 200 district personalities will dress up and join the land parade at the Square and the nearby waterfront area. Over 10 vintage cars and three open-top Big Buses will join the parade at 5pm to tour Wan Chai District.

To extend the joyful atmosphere to different parts of the district, street performances will be staged at various locations at the times below:

- 5.30pm to 6pm: Wong Nai Chung Road Crescent Garden;
- 6pm to 7pm: Lockhart Road Pedestrian Precinct; and
- 6.15pm to 7.15pm: Open space near MTR Tin Hau Station Exit A2.

Free shuttle bus service will be provided between MTR Wan Chai Station (Exit B1) and Golden Bauhinia Square from 2.30pm to 6.30pm with a 15-minute interval.

The 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality»Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade is organised by the 2018 Wan Chai Festival Organising Committee, in collaboration with the Wan Chai District Council and the Wan Chai District Office, and sponsored by the Wan Chai District Council and the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

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## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled dried shark fins and unmanifested dried sea cucumbers \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 5) seized about 100 kilograms of suspected scheduled dried shark fins of endangered species and about 220 kilograms of unmanifested dried sea cucumbers from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound. The estimated market value of the seizure was about \$350,000.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected a container declared to contain dried shark fins arriving in Hong Kong from the United Arab Emirates. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the suspected scheduled dried shark fins and dried sea cucumbers in the container.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for ten years.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



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# Employers and employees should take precautions against heat stroke

As the Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate precautions to prevent heat stroke when working in a hot or humid environment.

Heat stroke could occur if an employee works in a hot or humid environment for prolonged periods of time, as the body may fail to regulate its temperature by effective heat dissipation through sweating.

The early symptoms of heat stroke include feeling thirsty, fatigue, nausea and headache. Later, the victim may experience shortness of breath, rapid and weak pulse, dizziness, confusion or even loss of consciousness and convulsion.

For example, construction workers, cleaning workers, kitchen workers and porters are more prone to heat stroke when working for long hours in such an environment, especially if appropriate preventive measures have not been taken.

The LD reminds employers to arrange for a suitable assessment of the risk of heat stress in the work environment and take appropriate preventive measures. The LD has produced two leaflets entitled "Checklist for Heat Stress Assessment at Construction Sites" and "Checklist for Heat Stress Assessment at Outdoor Cleansing Workplaces" respectively. Employers engaged in construction or outdoor cleaning work are advised to refer to these checklists in assessing the risk of heat stress at their workplaces. As for heat stress assessment at a workplace in general, employers can refer to a booklet entitled "Risk Assessment for the Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work" produced by the LD.

The LD also reminds employers and employees to take the following precautions to prevent heat stroke:

## Employers

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- (1) Take heed of the weather report and adopt shift work arrangements for employees to reduce their exposure to the hot environment, or arrange appropriate rest breaks for them during very hot periods;
- (2) Avoid working under direct sunlight and set up temporary sunshade wherever possible;
- (3) Provide cool potable water for employees at all times during work. If necessary, provide drinks containing minerals for employees to replenish loss of electrolytes during profuse sweating;

- (4) Minimise physical demands by using tools or mechanical aids at work;
- (5) Increase air flow by enhancing ventilation or air-conditioning as appropriate;
- (6) Isolate heat-generating facilities at the workplace and use insulating materials to minimise heat dissipation to the other work areas; and
- (7) Provide relevant information and training for employees on heat stroke such as preventive measures and first aid treatment.

## Employees

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- (1) Wear clothing made of suitable materials (for example, cotton) that is loose-fitting and light-coloured to help heat dissipation, minimise heat absorption and allow sweat evaporation;
- (2) Wear a wide-brimmed hat when working outdoors;
- (3) Drink plenty of water or other appropriate beverages to replenish the fluids and electrolytes lost through sweating; and
- (4) Whenever there are any symptoms of heat stroke, inform supervisors and take appropriate actions immediately.

Some employees may have difficulty in adapting to a hot working environment owing to their own health conditions. Employers should take this into account and consider the recommendations of their doctors when assigning work to these employees.

In addition to the publications on risk assessment, the LD has produced a leaflet entitled "Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work in a Hot Environment" for the public. The publications can be obtained free of charge from the offices of the Occupational Health Service of the LD, or downloaded from the department's webpage at [www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2\\_9.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_9.htm).

The LD organises occupational health talks in public places and at its own training venues regularly to raise employers' and employees' awareness of occupational health. Details of health talks on the prevention of heat stroke at work in a hot environment in July to September are as follows:

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Dates: July 9 and 24; August 2, 13 and 30; and September 13 and 24 (am)  
July 20 and 30; August 8 and 22; and September 5, 20 and 27 (pm)

Time: Half-day

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre of the Labour Department, 13/F, Kowloon Tsuen Wan I, 68 Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

(B)

Dates: July 13 and 27 and August 10 and 20

Time: Half-day, morning

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Centre of the Labour Department, G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong (MTR Kwun Tong Station Exit A1)

(C)

Date: August 13

Time: 3pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Space Museum, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit E)

(D)

Date: July 16 and September 14

Time: 3pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Activity Room I, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
(Opposite Victoria Park, MTR Tin Hau Station Exit B)

For enrolment or enquiries about these occupational health talks, please call 2852 4040 or 2361 8240 (for talks organised at the Occupational Safety and Health Centre). Moreover, the LD also provides an outreach health education service and occupational health nurses will, on invitation, disseminate occupational health information at workplaces at a convenient time. Please contact the nursing officer at 2852 4062 for details. All these health talks are free of charge.

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## [Limited Registration approved for overseas doctors](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (July 6) announced that confirmation was received from the Medical Council of Hong Kong on the approval of two new and three renewal applications of non-local doctors for practice with Limited Registration in public hospitals to help relieve the frontline workload. The five doctors will be deployed to serve in emergency medicine, cardiothoracic surgery, family medicine and radiology departments.

The spokesperson said that currently there are 12 non-local doctors working in public hospitals under Limited Registration to relieve manpower pressure and alleviate the workload pressure of frontline doctors in the specialties of anesthesia, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine and radiology.

"The HA will continue to exhaust every effort to attract fully registered local doctors and retain public doctors. Meanwhile, we would like to express appreciation to all doctors for their commitment and contributions in serving the public under manpower constraints," the spokesperson said.