

“Let’s Realise Our Children’s Dream” – Committee on Home-School Co-operation’s 25th Annual Symposium cum Prize Presentation Ceremony

The following is released for the Committee on Home-School Co-operation:

The Committee on Home-School Co-operation (CHSC) held the 25th Anniversary Symposium cum Prize Presentation Ceremony today (June 23). With the theme of "Let's Realise Our Children's Dream" the event was aimed at promoting home-school co-operation by encouraging parents to communicate, listen and understand the views of their children.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Under Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, presented certificates of appreciation to the Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations (FPTAs) of 18 districts in recognition of their contribution to home-school co-operation. The current Chairman of the SHC, Mr Henry Tong, and past chairpersons also attended the symposium. Keynote speakers included the first Chairman of the CSHC, Dr Tik Chi-yuen, as well as artist Sunny Chan and his wife. They shared their experience in promoting parent education and nurturing children.

The Government attaches great importance to parent education. To further enhance the support of parent education, the Education Bureau (EDB) launched the website "Smart Parent Net" (www.parent.edu.hk) in early 2018 to enable parents to easily access useful information from different stakeholders and Government departments on supporting the physical and mental development of children.

The content of "Smart Parent Net" is updated regularly. Parents who are concerned about their children's development should not miss recent video clips including "[Children are always happy and laughing, Parental relationship is the most important](#)" in which the Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of Queen Mary Hospital, Dr Phyllis Chan, shares her professional knowledge; and also "Not to physically punish and not to scold! Raising good children!", in which Mr Kay Ho, an early childhood education instructor, and Mr Ernest Lee, a clinical psychotherapist, share their experience on children's discipline and parents' emotional management.

In addition, to raise the awareness of parents, schools and the public on parent education, the EDB earlier organised the "Listen to Our Hearts" video production contest. Through video clips, students express what they think with a view to enhancing parent-child communication and understanding. The champion video clip of the secondary school section, "[Dream of a Young Soccer Player](#)", and that of the primary school section, "[Talking Doll](#)" have also been uploaded to "Smart Parent Net" for browsing.

Hong Kong Customs combats online re-broadcast pay TV World Cup programmes

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 22) conducted an anti-piracy operation and detected a suspected case of illegal re-broadcasting of pay TV World Cup programmes on an Internet broadcasting platform. During the operation, Customs arrested two men aged 21 and 60 respectively. A batch of computer device with an estimated market value of about \$20,000 was seized.

Customs earlier received information alleging that a user of an Internet broadcasting platform has illegally re-broadcast pay TV World Cup programmes during the live broadcast of the World Cup matches. After an in-depth investigation with the assistance of the copyright owner, Customs took enforcement action yesterday and arrested two men in Tung Chung who were suspected to be related to the case.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation.

During the World Cup matches, Customs will continue to work closely with copyright owners and take stringent enforcement actions against any form of infringing activity.

Customs appeals to members of the public to respect intellectual property right and watch pay TV programmes through legitimate means. Offenders will be liable to criminal or civil sanctions.

According to the Copyright Ordinance, a person commits an offence if the person sells or lets for hire a relevant device or provides relevant service for the purpose of a circumvention business. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for four years.

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

Update on cluster of Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases in Castle Peak

Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding the announcement yesterday on a cluster of patients infected with Respiratory Syncytial Virus in a male ward for intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following update today (June 23):

One more 37-year-old patient and two staff members in the ward had presented with respiratory symptom. Appropriate viral test had been arranged for the patient and the test result was positive to Respiratory Syncytial Virus. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation with stable condition. The two staff members have recovered and resumed duty.

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 cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

Awards for Water Safety Campaign 2018 competitions presented (with photos)

The winners of a Chinese slogan competition and a poster design competition for primary and secondary school students under the Water Safety Campaign 2018 received awards at a ceremony today (June 23). The competitions were organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Hong Kong Life Saving Society (HKLSS), which hold activities every year to enhance public awareness of water safety.

More than 2 000 students participated in the two competitions. The entries were impressive and showed the students' creativity and artistic skills. The champion entries in the primary school sections of both competitions were chosen for this year's campaign poster.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services), Mrs Doris Fok, said swimming is one of the most popular leisure activities in Hong Kong. There were more than 27 million visits to the public beaches and swimming pools managed by the LCSD last year.

Mrs Fok added that the department provides various swimming facilities suitable for people of all ages, no matter if they are non-skilled or strong swimmers. She reminded members of the public to pay attention to the water depth indicators placed at the poolside and to consider their swimming ability and body height before getting in the water.

Noting that there have been reports of serious injury caused by reckless jumps into pools with shallow water and also reports of drowning caused by careless entry into deep water, Mrs Fok said the theme of the two competitions is to urge swimmers that they should be aware of the pool depth before swimming for safety's sake. In addition, the theme emphasises that incautious diving may cause accidents.

Mrs Fok also appealed to beach-goers to only swim at beaches with lifeguard services and during the service hours. They should also stay out of the water when red flags are hoisted at beaches.

Winning entries from the two competitions are now on display at Kowloon Park Arcade until 5pm on July 6. They can also be viewed on the LCSD webpages at www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/swimhandbook/poster/index.html (poster design competition) and www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/swimhandbook/slogan/index.html (Chinese slogan competition).

The Water Safety Campaign 2018 ceremony held at Kowloon Park Arcade was jointly organised by the LCSD and the HKLSS. Game stalls promoting water safety were set up at the entrance lobby of the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool spectator stand for public participation.



[LegCo President inspects passing-out parade at HK Police College \(with](#)

photos)

The President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), Mr Andrew Leung, inspected the passing-out parade for 48 probationary inspectors and 275 recruit constables at the Hong Kong Police College today (June 23).

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Leung said that fighting crime, upholding the rule of law, and protecting life and property are the mission and duties of Police officers. Police officers would come into contact with people from all walks of life and clashes would sometimes be inevitable when discharging duties. He believed that as long as the graduates could act in accordance with the law, uphold the values of the Force, and deal with people fairly, impartially and compassionately, they would win public trust and bolster public confidence in the Force.

He reminded the graduates to remain dedicated to serving the community, and do their utmost to fulfill their duties while not forgetting the passion of joining the Force nor yielding to any difficulties.

At last, Mr Leung said although there may be full of challenges ahead as they serve the community and uphold the rule of law, he believed that the graduates are determined to live up to the commitment of the Force to serve with pride and care.

