

## **Import of poultry meat and products from Mitchell County of State of Kansas in US suspended**

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (January 22) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Mitchell County of the State of Kansas in the United States (US), the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 21 470 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry meat and about 57.11 million poultry eggs from the US in the first nine months of last year.

"The CFS has contacted the American authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the WOAH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreak. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

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## **Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (January 22) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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# Ceremonial Opening of Legal Year 2024

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2024 will be held at Hong Kong City Hall this afternoon (January 22).

Chief Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, will inspect a Ceremonial Guard mounted by the Hong Kong Police Force at Edinburgh Place. This will be followed by addresses from Chief Justice Cheung; the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC; the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association, Mr Victor Dawes, SC; and the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr Chan Chak-ming, at the Concert Hall, Low Block, Hong Kong City Hall.

The public can view the live broadcast on the Judiciary's website ([www.judiciary.hk](http://www.judiciary.hk)) at 4.30pm today.

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# Labour Department to participate in Education & Careers Expo 2024

The Labour Department (LD) will participate and set up a booth in the Education & Careers Expo 2024 organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) from January 25 to 28 (Thursday to Sunday) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai.

The LD booth will be located at A16 in Hall 1E to provide information on its employment services, the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme and the Working Holiday Scheme to assist job seekers, in particular young people, to learn more about career opportunities in Hong Kong and the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area as well as overseas.

The LD will hold a seminar from 2.40pm to 3.10pm on January 27 (Saturday) at the venue to introduce the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme.

Job seekers can find more employment information on the LD Interactive Employment Service website ([www.jobs.gov.hk](http://www.jobs.gov.hk)). For details of the expo, please visit the HKTDC website ([www.hktdc.com/hkeducationexpo](http://www.hktdc.com/hkeducationexpo)).

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# HAD opens temporary cold shelters

â€œIn view of the cold weather, the Home Affairs Department has opened 18 temporary shelters in various districts today (January 22) for people in need of the service. The temporary shelters will remain open when the Cold Weather Warning is in force.

To ensure that cold shelter users can rest in a quiet and undisturbed environment, members of the public or agencies wishing to make donations to shelter users are requested to register with the staff of the shelter first. Donors will then be directed to place the donated items at a specified indoor location. The staff will help notify the shelter users to collect the items on their own.

Anyone seeking temporary refuge or with any questions about the donation arrangements at the cold shelters may call the department's hotline 2572 8427 for more information.

The 18 temporary cold shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:  
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Central and Western:

Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall  
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,  
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern:

Causeway Bay Community Centre  
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern:

Lei Tung Community Hall  
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai:

Wan Chai Activities Centre  
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon:  
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Kowloon City:

Hung Hom Community Hall  
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,  
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong:

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre  
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po:  
Nam Cheong District Community Centre  
1 Cheong San Lane, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin:  
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre  
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong:  
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre  
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories:  
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Islands:  
Tung Chung Community Hall  
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing:  
Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre  
15 Tai Wo Hau Road, Kwai Chung

North:  
Cheung Wah Community Hall  
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung:  
Hang Hau Community Hall  
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,  
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin:  
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre  
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po:  
Tai Po Community Centre  
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan:  
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall  
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun:  
Butterfly Bay Community Centre  
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long:  
Long Ping Community Hall  
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long