

[SLW to visit Shanghai](#)

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, will depart for Shanghai tomorrow morning (January 12).

While in Shanghai, Mr Sun will call on the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, Fudan University and ShanghaiRanking Consultancy, the ranking agency of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities. He will also visit child care and elderly care facilities as well as United Family Hospital of the New Frontier Group to learn more about the trend of medical and elderly care integration. In addition, Mr Sun will meet with local youths and Hong Kong people in Shanghai. The Director of Hong Kong Talent Engage, Mr Anthony Lau, will also join the visit.

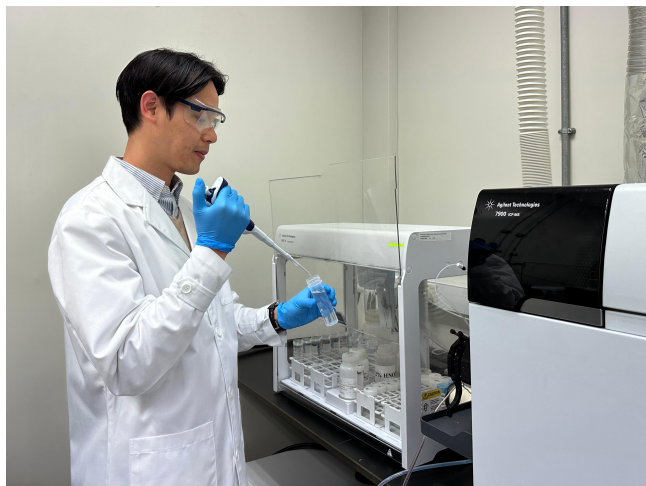
Mr Sun will arrive in Hong Kong on the evening of January 14. In his absence, the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Ho Kai-ming, will be the Acting Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

[Overview of Enhanced Water Quality Monitoring Programme in 2023 \(with photo\)](#)

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) announced today (January 11) that drinking water samples were collected from water taps of 661 randomly selected premises under the Enhanced Water Quality Monitoring Programme (Enhanced Programme) in 2023 for testing of residual chlorine, Escherichia coli and six metals, viz. antimony, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead and nickel. Results indicated that all drinking water samples complied with the Hong Kong Drinking Water Standards.

The WSD implemented the Enhanced Programme in 2017 and extended the drinking water quality monitoring to residential and non-residential consumers' taps. The weekly statistics on water quality monitoring data at consumers' taps under the Enhanced Programme are available on the [WSD's website](#).

To safeguard buildings' drinking water safety, property owners and property management agents are advised to implement a water safety plan for their buildings and to join the Quality Water Supply Scheme for Buildings – Fresh Water (Management System). Members of the public may visit the [WSD's website](#) for more information on drinking water safety in buildings.



Burial and cremation services to be suspended on Lunar New Year's Day

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (January 11) that services for the disposal of the dead will be suspended on Lunar New Year's Day (February 10).

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "All cemeteries and crematoria offices of the department will be closed on Lunar New Year's Day. No coffins will be accepted for burial at public cemeteries and no cremations will be undertaken at public crematoria.

"Cremation services and burial services will resume normal operations on February 11."

Appointments to Women's Commission

The Government announced today (January 11) the appointment of Dr Eliza Chan Ching-har as the new Chairperson of the Women's Commission (WoC), as well as the appointment of three new members and the reappointment of five incumbent members. Their two-year term will take effect from January 15, 2024.

The three new members are Ms Ching Ngon Lai, Miss Juanita Mok Uen-ying and Ms Vivian Tsui Sau-yin.

The Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, welcomed the

appointments and reappointments. She said, "Dr Eliza Chan is currently serving as a member of the Executive Council. She has rich experience in public affairs. I trust that under her leadership, the WoC will continue its dedicated efforts in advancing the interests and development of women in Hong Kong."

"We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Chairperson Ms Chan Yuen-han for her invaluable contribution to steering the WoC in the past six years. We also thank the outgoing members, Ms Melaine Lee Kam-ha, Miss Sherry Tsai Hiu-wai and Mrs Viola Wong Ho Suk-ying, for their contributions to the WoC. The new term of the WoC comprises members from diverse backgrounds. I trust that they will give valuable advice on the work of the WoC," she added.

Since its establishment in 2001, the WoC has spared no effort in promoting the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong and advising the Government on policies and initiatives on women's issues.

The membership of the WoC for the new term is as follows:

Non-official members

Dr Eliza Chan Ching-har (Chairperson)
Mrs Jennifer Cheng Yu Ngar-wing
Ms Ching Ngon-lai
Ms Rita Gurung
Ms Mary Huen Wai-yi
Ms Jin Ling
Ms Lam Wai-ling
Ms Helen Lu Hai
Professor Lui Yu-hon
Miss Juanita Mok Uen-ying
Ms Winnie Ng Wing-mui
Mrs Katherine Ngan Ng Yu-ying
Ms Melissa Kaye Pang
Ms Cindy Pun Siu-fung
Professor Sham Mai-har
Dr So Wing-yee
Mr Adrian Tam Kin
Ms Ashley Tse Hiu-hung
Ms Vivian Tsui Sau-yin
Mr Walter Tsui Yu-hang
Ms Vivian Wong Man-lei
Dr Kitty Wu Kit-ying

Ex-officio members

Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs or representative (Vice-Chairperson)
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs or representative
Director of Social Welfare or representative

LCSD to launch “Multi-Arts: Fascinations of Synesthesia and Beyond” lecture series

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will present a lecture series, "Multi-Arts: Fascinations of Synesthesia and Beyond", from February to March. The five-lecture series will be hosted by cultural researcher Dr Ian Fong and features a variety of films, paintings, performing arts and literary works to explore how people can appreciate different art pieces through synesthesia, bringing them new art experiences.

Details of each lecture are as follows:

Lecture 1: Literature, Music, Visual Art, Materiality and Food

Date: February 26 (Monday)

Venue: AC2, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Content: To explore how multi-sensual elements can be heard, touched, smelt and tasted in words in order to examine the importance of the five senses in appreciating literature, art and film.

Lecture 2: Still and Moving Pictures and Beyond

Date: March 4 (Monday)

Venue: AC2, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Content: To discuss how film elements can be seen in literature and painting.

Lecture 3: Opera, Play and Film

Date: March 11 (Monday)

Venue: AC2, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Content: Uses Bizet's opera "Carmen" as an introduction to explore how theatrical-like performances can be presented in filmic content.

Lecture 4: Gallery, Concert Hall, Theatre, Cinema, Home, Social Media and City

Date: March 18 (Monday)

Venue: AC1, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Content: Drawing on several literary works to explore the multi-sensual experience of art appreciation in different venues.

Lecture 5: On Rhythm: Dancing, Rapping, Kung Fu and Philosophy

Date: March 25 (Monday)

Venue: AC2, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Content: To discuss how the five senses change the way audiences appreciate and visualise works of dance, rap, kung fu and philosophy, as well as to keep pace with artistic rhythms through synesthesia.

Dr Fong received his PhD degree in Comparative Literature at the University of Hong Kong. He is currently teaching literary and cultural studies in various tertiary institutions and focuses on research topics including film and literary studies, psychoanalysis, deconstruction and more.

All lectures will be conducted in Cantonese and will start at 7.30pm. Tickets priced at \$60 for each lecture and \$240 for the five lectures (with free seating) are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_1652.html

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