

SEN to visit Tokyo tomorrow

The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, will depart for Tokyo, Japan tomorrow morning (May 20) to attend the Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky. The forum aims at bringing city leaders together to discuss issues on waste management, sustainable resource management and air quality, as well as solutions to create a sustainable urban environment.

The Tokyo Forum for Clean City & Clear Sky will be held on May 22 and 23. Mr Wong will attend the breakfast meeting for the East, Southeast Asia and Oceania Region of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and various sessions of the forum. He will also speak at a plenary session entitled "Aiming for a Sustainable Urban Environment: Current Global Trends and the Role of Cities".

During his stay in Tokyo, Mr Wong will visit a new energy vehicle company, solar farms and recycling facilities. He will also meet with local officials to learn more about their management of sustainable development.

Mr Wong will conclude his visit in the afternoon on May 23 and return to Hong Kong in the evening the same day.

Transcript of remarks by SLW on elderly care facilities in tender awarded for site in Kai Tak

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, on residential care home for the elderly and day care centre for the elderly to be constructed by the purchaser in a tender awarded for a site in Kai Tak after attending a radio programme this morning (May 19):

Reporter: ... why developing elderly homes in private developer projects is an easier option than setting up in subsidised housing projects? What's the scale you are talking about?

Secretary for Labour and Welfare: Recently, there was a Land Sale Programme tender. In the site, two elderly projects (a residential care home for the elderly and a day care centre for the elderly) are included. I expect the whole process can be completed in a relatively shorter period of time.

When we talk about project that is housed in public sites, let's say public projects like public housing or other public development, it would

take around eight years or even longer. But if we put it under a private development, normally it would take something like five years or at most seven to eight years. So, it definitely reduces the time needed for the development of residential homes for the elderly. So, we will seriously consider in the future, the future Land Sale Programme, when as appropriate we would be able to include elderly residential homes in those development.

New case of cluster of patients infected with Rhinovirus at Castle Peak Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Rhinovirus in a female adult psychiatric ward, the spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following update today (May 19):

One more 59-year-old patient in the ward had presented with respiratory symptom. Appropriate viral test had been arranged for the patient and the test result was positive to Rhinovirus. The concerned patient is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

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

37 schools commended for meritorious green projects (with photos)

Thirty-seven schools were commended today (May 19) at the prize presentation ceremony of the Greening School Project Award organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in recognition of their meritorious green school projects and contributions to environmental greening.

To enhance students' interest in and knowledge of greening, the LCSD's Greening School Subsidy Scheme provides subsidies to schools to organise more greening activities and encourage students to plant more trees and shrubs on campuses.

Speaking at the prize presentation ceremony, the Chief Leisure Manager (Green Campaign) of the LCSD, Ms Wendy Or, said the Greening School Subsidy Scheme has been well received by teachers and students since its launch in 2000, with the number of participating schools increasing from around 300 in the first year to more than 880 this year.

Ms Or added that the standard of green projects has been rising. Both teachers and students have worked very hard to make their schools' environments greener and more beautiful.

The Greening School Project Award is presented in seven categories. The champions are as follows:

1) Large Garden Plot Project (Secondary School Section):
SAHK Ko Fook Iu Memorial School

2) Large Garden Plot Project (Primary School Section):
Ta Ku Ling Ling Ying Public School

3) Small Garden Plot Project (Secondary School Section):
New Asia Middle School

4) Small Garden Plot Project (Primary School Section):
Bonham Road Government Primary School

5) Garden Plot Project (Kindergarten Section):
SKH St Joseph's Church Kindergarten

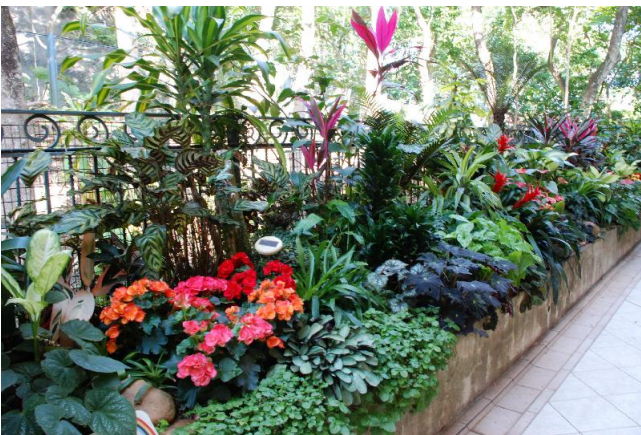
6) Tree Planting Project:
CCC Kei Faat Primary School (Yau Tong)

7) Horticultural Maintenance:
Anchors International Nursery (Constellation Cove)

The list of other winners of the Greening School Project Award is available at the LCSD webpage

www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/green/education/greeningschool/2017schoolawardlist.html.

Other guests attending the ceremony were the Chairman of the Tuen Mun District Council, Mr Leung Kin-man; the Chairman of the Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee of the Kwun Tong District Council, Mr Kan Ming-tung; the Vice-President of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, Ms Ng Tze-kwun; non-official member of the Community Involvement Committee on Greening of the Development Bureau Ms Wong Kit-lin; and the Chief School Development Officer (Kowloon City) of the Education Bureau, Mr Ching Yiu-yuen.



Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin tomorrow

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting tomorrow (May 20).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.