2024 Honours List and Justices of the Peace appointments

The 2024 Honours List and Justices of the Peace (JPs) appointments are published in the Government Gazette today (July 1).

For the Honours List, a total of 502 persons have been awarded by the Chief Executive this year. Details are as follows:

Award	Number
(a) Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM)	5
(b) Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS)	12
(c) Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)	24
(d) Distinguished Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	14
(e) Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)	40
(f) Meritorious Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	46
(g) Medal of Honour (MH)	105
(h) Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service	86
(i) Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service	170
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The citations of the award recipients of the 2024 Honours List are provided in Appendix 1.

A Government spokesman said, "The award recipients come from different walks of life with diverse backgrounds. They have made significant contributions to Hong Kong, benefitting various domains and sectors of the community, including public and community service, education, medical and public health, finance, trade and industry, innovation and technology, charity, arts and culture, sports, housing, transport, construction and urban development, environment, religion, labour and welfare, women and youth affairs, and professional services. The Chief Executive expresses gratitude and extends congratulations to all award recipients, and hopes that they will continue to excel in their own fields and serve the community."

The presentation ceremony for the awards will be held later this year.

Moreover, a total of 59 persons have been appointed as JPs by the Chief Executive, of whom 42 were appointed under section 3(1)(b) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap. 510) (commonly referred to as Non-official JPs), and 17 were appointed under section 3(1)(a) of the same ordinance (commonly referred to as Official JPs).

The main function of JPs is to visit correctional institutions, detention centres or other institutions to ensure their effective management and that no individual is unfairly treated or deprived of his or her rights. JPs will ensure that complaints lodged by individuals are handled in a fair and transparent manner.

The name list of JPs appointed under section 3(1)(b) and section 3(1)(a) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance is provided in Appendix 2.

CHP announces investigation progress of case of dengue fever (with photos)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (June 30) continued its investigation into a case of dengue fever (DF) announced on June 28. The CHP urged again the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel. Meanwhile, persons who have been to Tin Shui (1) Estate in Tin Shui Wai with DF symptoms should contact the CHP as soon as possible.

According to the latest findings of epidemiological investigations, no linked case has been identified by the CHP so far. The CHP has inspected the residence of the patient on June 28. Blood samples of the patient's two household contacts tested negative for dengue virus upon laboratory testing. As at 3pm today, the CHP has contacted over 3 000 residents from over 1 200 households of Tin Shui (1) Estate in Tin Shui Wai. No suspected case is identified.

Officers of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Housing Department inspected the vicinity of Tin Shui (1) Estate in Tin Shui Wai and enhanced the anti-mosquito work yesterday (June 29) morning. They also suggested the cleansing service contractor to strengthen mosquito control measures.

The CHP held a health talk jointly with the FEHD yesterday evening in the Tin Shui Community Centre, during which the CHP also conducted free DF antibody tests for people in the district with relevant symptoms.

Meanwhile, the CHP appeals to persons who have been to Tin Shui (1) Estate in Tin Shui Wai with DF symptoms to call the CHP's hotline (2125 2374) which is operating from 9am to 1pm tomorrow (July 1) and will continue to operate from 9am to 5pm from July 2, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) for laboratory investigation or referral as appropriate. DF is clinically characterised by high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph nodes and rash.

The CHP's investigations are ongoing.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured longsleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing and uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public should call 1823 in case of mosquito problems and may visit the following pages for more information: the DF pages of the <u>CHP</u> and the <u>Travel Health Service</u>, the latest <u>Travel Health News</u>, <u>tips for using insect repellents</u>, and the CHP <u>Facebook Page</u> and <u>YouTube Channel</u>.









SCS to visit Beijing

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, will depart for Beijing tomorrow evening (July 1).

During her visit in Beijing, Mrs Yeung will call on the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council. She will also attend the graduation ceremony of the first cohort of the Master's Degree in Public Policy Programme, co-organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSAR) and Peking University for senior civil servants of the HKSAR, and will meet with the graduates and the HKSAR civil servants now studying in the university.

The Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Clement Leung, will also join the visit. They will return to Hong Kong on July 4.

CS to attend United Nations Human Rights Council plenary meeting in Switzerland

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, will depart for Geneva, Switzerland, in the early hours tomorrow (July 1) to attend the plenary meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council as the Deputy Head of China's delegation. He will be joined by representatives of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and the Department of Justice.

The review report on China of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Council will be discussed at the meeting. Officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will attend the meeting as members of China's delegation.

The Working Group held meetings in January this year to examine the fourth report submitted by China under the UPR mechanism, which includes a part concerning the HKSAR, and adopt the review report on China.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong on July 5. During his absence, the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, will be the Acting Chief Secretary for Administration.

Red flags hoisted at Repulse Bay 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 (June 30) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Repulse Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.