Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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 (October 20) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

<u>Innovation and Technology Venture Fund</u> <u>adds two co-investment partners</u>

The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) announced today (October 20) that two venture capital (VC) funds, namely Qiming Venture Partners VIII, L.P. and Qiming Venture Partners VIII-HC, L.P., have been added as coinvestment partners (CPs) of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund (ITVF).

In the third round of applications for becoming CPs of the ITVF, the ITC has so far selected a total of eight CPs out of a total of 15 applications. Following the six CPs selected earlier, based on the assessment criteria including the VC fund's capability, its investment strategy and performance, its management team's expertise and experience, its local network and resources, as well as the advice of the ITVF Advisory Committee, the ITC has selected two other CPs.

To date, the ITVF has a total of 19 CPs (see Annex) and has co-invested in 27 local innovation and technology (I&T) start-ups. The Government's investment amounts to around \$209 million, attracting over \$2.1 billion of private investment. The business areas of these I&T start-ups include supply chain management, e-commerce, financial technology, biotechnology and artificial intelligence.

The Government set up the ITVF with a view to attracting more VC funds to co-invest in local I&T start-ups and creating a more vibrant I&T ecosystem in Hong Kong. The CPs are responsible for recommending suitable investment targets to the ITC. The ITC will co-invest with the CPs at a matching ratio of approximately 1(Government): 2 (CP) in eligible local I&T start-ups. Details of the ITVF and brief information on the CPs are available on the

General out-patient clinic service arrangements on Chung Yeung Festival holiday

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesman today (October 20) announced that 14 general out-patient clinics (GOPCs) will provide public holiday GOPC services on Chung Yeung Festival holiday (October 23) (see table below). Patients may book an appointment either through the telephone appointment system or the "Book GOPC" function of the "HA Go" mobile app.

GOPC service arrangements on Chung Yeung Festival holiday (October 23)

Region	List of GOPCs	Address	Telephone number for booking	General enquiries
Hong Kong Island	Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out- patient Clinic	10 Aberdeen Reservoir Road, Aberdeen	3543 5011	2555 0381
	Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out- patient Clinic	1/F, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan	3157 0077	2560 0211
	Violet Peel General Out-patient Clinic	LG, Tang Shiu Kin Hospital Community Ambulatory Care Centre, 282 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai	3157 0000	3553 3116
	Kwun Tong Community Health Centre	UG/F, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong	3157 0687	2389 0331
Kowloon	Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Family Medicine Clinic	G/F, Out-patient Block, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, 118 Shatin Pass Road, Wong Tai Sin	3157 0118	2354 2267
KOWLOON	Robert Black General Out-patient	600 Prince Edward Road Fast, San Po	3157 0113	2383 3311

New Territories	Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic	-	3157 0107	2614 4789
		G/F, 9 Lek Yuen Street, Sha Tin	3157 0972	2692 8730
	Club General Out-	G/F, 108-130 Jockey Club Road, Shek Wu Hui, Sheung Shui	3157 0965	2670 0211
	Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	G/F, 37 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po	3157 0906	2664 2039
	Tseung Kwan O (Po Ning Road) General Out-patient Clinic	G/F, 28 Po Ning Road, Tseung Kwan O	3157 0660	2191 1083
	Tuen Mun Clinic	11 Tsing Yin Street, San Hui, Tuen Mun	3543 0886	2452 9111
	Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre	269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long	3543 5007	2443 8511

Service hours:

October 23 (Monday): 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

<u>Gazettal of Bankruptcy and Companies</u> <u>Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)</u>

Ordinance 2023 (Commencement) Notice 2023

The Government published in the Gazette today (October 20) the Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Commencement) Notice 2023 (the Commencement Notice).

The Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (the Amendment Ordinance) was enacted by the Legislative Council on July 12, 2023, to provide a legal basis for the Official Receiver's Office's Electronic Submission System (ESS), streamline the publication requirements of insolvency and related notices, and introduce miscellaneous amendments.

Upon enactment of the Amendment Ordinance, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau announced that the first phase of the ESS and the streamlined publication requirements would be implemented starting from the end of this year. The Commencement Notice seeks to appoint December 29, 2023, as the commencement date for the relevant provisions.

The Commencement Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on October 25, 2023.

Appointments to Consumer Council

The Government announced today (October 20) the appointments to the Consumer Council.

Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu succeeds Mr Antonio Kwong Cho-shing as the Vice-Chairman, as Mr Kwong retires from the Council after completion of his term. Mr Pang has been appointed as a member of the Council since January 2020, and is currently the Chairman of the Council's Working Group on Revamp for Consumer Education for Youth.

A Government spokesman said, "With his dedicated service in various aspects of the Council's work and his ample experience, we are confident that Mr Pang will provide able leadership for the continuous development of the Council in protecting and promoting consumer interests in Hong Kong. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to Mr Kwong for his sound leadership to the Council and his significant contributions during his tenure."

The Government has also appointed Ms Ivy Cheung Wing-han and Mr Wong Kin-wai, and reappointed Mr Holden Chow Ho-ding, as members of the Council.

The tenure of the above appointments is two years with effect from November 1, 2023.

In addition, the Government expressed gratitude to Ms Vanessa Lau Chiwan and Professor Nora Tam Fung-yee, who will retire from the Council after completion of their term, for their contributions to various aspects of the Council's work.

The composition of the Council with effect from November 1, 2023, is as follows:

Chairman

Mr Clement Chan Kam-wing

Vice-Chairman

Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu

Members

Mr Kenneth Chan Kin-nin

Dr Catherine Chan Po-ling

Ms Ivy Cheung Wing-han

Mr Holden Chow Ho-ding

Dr Wilton Fok Wai-tung

Ms Veronica Fung Kit-ming

Mr Edward Ho Man-tat

Ms Miranda Kwan Ching-yi

Mr Victor Lam Hoi-cheung

Mr Matthew Lam Kin-hong

Ms Kitty Lee Wing-lan

Ms Doris Lian Shaodong

Mr Alan Lui Siu-lun

Dr Lui Wing-cheong

Mr Raymond Mak Ka-chun

Mr Siu King-wai

Ms Iris Wan Lai-sze

Mr Wong Kin-wai

Mr Selwyn Yu Sing-cheung, SC