#### 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 (June 16) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach in Islands District; and Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

## Red flags hoisted at Silver Mine Bay Beach and Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 16) that according to the Beach Water Quality Forecast System of the Environmental Protection Department, the Beach Water Quality Forecast Index of Silver Mine Bay Beach in Islands District and Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach in Tsuen Wan District is 4, which means the water quality is "Very Poor". The red flags have been hoisted and beachgoers are advised not to enter the water to safeguard their health.

29th round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for

# Hong Kong Vehicles to be open June 17 to 20

The Transport Department today (June 16) reminded members of the public that the 29th round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles (the scheme) will be open from 10am tomorrow (June 17) to 11.59pm on June 20, and the ballot result will be announced on June 21.

Eligible applicants for the scheme can register for computer balloting through the designated website (<a href="www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk">www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk</a>). Successful balloting applicants are required to submit applications for the scheme within the designated date and time randomly allocated by the computer system.

### AI dog traces source of pollution

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) uses an AI-powered dog that it developed to help detect hidden gases and assist in investigating other sources of air pollution, thanks to the support of the Smart Government Innovation Lab of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO).

News.gov.hk spoke with representatives from the EPD and the OGCIO, who explained the features of the AI robotic dog and how the lab assists government departments in adopting technology aimed at improving efficiency.

The story is available at <a href="https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature">www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature</a> today (June 16) in text and video format.

### Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (June 16) will be cancelled.

If the thunderstorm warning is cancelled and weather conditions permit by then, the flag-raising ceremony may be resumed without further notice.