

## **EMSD releases lift and escalator contractors' latest performance ratings**

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (July 18) announced the performance ratings of the registered lift and escalator contractors for the past 12 months (from July 2023 to June 2024) for public reference.

According to the rating results, 34 registered lift contractors and 16 registered escalator contractors were awarded the Safety Star. Among these contractors, 17 registered lift contractors and 10 registered escalator contractors had not been found non-compliant with the safety and maintenance requirements as reported in the last two consecutive announcements of performance results, and were therefore given the highest rating of five Quality Stars. The EMSD conducted 28 388 inspections of lifts and escalators during the period.

The rating results, conviction records, summaries of the warning letters and equipment failure records are available on the EMSD's website ([www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/eng/pps/le\\_pub\\_mpr.shtml](http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/eng/pps/le_pub_mpr.shtml)).

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## **Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about \$2.9 million (with photo)**

Hong Kong Customs on July 8 seized about 5 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with a total estimated market value of about \$2.9 million at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound.

Through risk assessment and intelligence analysis, Customs on that day inspected a 40-foot container arriving in Hong Kong from Vietnam. Upon inspection, Customs officers found a batch of suspected counterfeit speakers and earphones in the container.

An initial investigation revealed that the batch of suspected counterfeit goods would be transhipped to other regions.

The investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies and take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities based on risk assessment and intelligence analysis.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)) or online form ([eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002](http://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002)).



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## [Red flags hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave 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 (July 18) 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. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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## Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool reopened

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 18) that Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool in Tuen Mun District, closed earlier due to urgent maintenance works, has been reopened.

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## DH alerts public to fraudulent EatSmart Restaurant Star + website and social media page

The Department of Health (DH) today (July 17) alerted members of the public to a suspected fraudulent website and Facebook page of the DH's "EatSmart Restaurant Star +" Campaign, and urged the public to avoid providing any personal information through hyperlinks from unknown sources at suspicious websites.

A spokesman for the DH said that the logo of the "EatSmart Restaurant Star +" Campaign and content of related activities were recently found being fraudulently used in the fake website and Facebook page (the link to the fraudulent website is [restaurant-eatsmart.myfreesites.net/](http://restaurant-eatsmart.myfreesites.net/)). The DH has reported the incident to the Police.

The spokesman reminded that the link to the website of the "EatSmart Restaurant Star +" Campaign is [restaurant.eatsmart.gov.hk/](http://restaurant.eatsmart.gov.hk/); and the link to the Facebook page "æ~Ÿç'šæ%ç†ŸéŸè,†" which bears a blue tick verification badge is [www.facebook.com/eatsmartrestaurant.dh/](http://www.facebook.com/eatsmartrestaurant.dh/).

The spokesman stressed that the DH's social media page will not leave comments on its posts requesting event participants to click on any external links, nor request participants in any form to provide their bank or credit card information. Members of the public are urged to be discerning in distinguishing the authenticity of online information. They should not click

on any hyperlinks from unknown sources with a view to forestalling losses. Those who have provided his/her personal information to the suspected fraudulent page or through relevant hyperlinks are advised to consider reporting the matter to the Police.