

EPD launches Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter for private residential premises

â€œTo help residents of private residential premises foster a habit of source separation of waste and ensure proper handling of recyclables collected, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has launched the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter (the Charter) and encourages property management companies/owners' corporations/residents of private residential premises to participate.

Private residential premises signing the Charter will commit to establishing and maintaining appropriate and convenient recycling facilities within the housing estates/buildings to enable residents to recycle paper, metals, plastics, glass containers, beverage cartons, food waste, etc; and handing over the recyclables to reliable recyclers for processing. At the same time, it is necessary to keep delivery records of various types of recyclables, arrange publicity and educational activities to encourage residents to practise waste reduction at source and clean recycling, and report the quarterly recycling data to the residents regularly to improve recyclables management performance. The EPD will publish online the list of housing estates/buildings that have signed the Charter, and issue Waste Reduction and Recycling Certificates and stickers as a recognition.

The Green Outreach of the EPD will provide the participating private residential premises with technical support on waste reduction and recycling, including application for free recycling bins, provision of relevant recycling bin suppliers, collection services for recyclables, promotional and educational information on clean recycling, co-organising waste reduction and recycling promotion activities, etc. Private residential premises successfully signing up on or before November 30, 2024, will receive free designated bags – 20 bags per household per month – for a period of six months. Residents are encouraged to reduce their quantity of waste disposed of by making good use of the recycling facilities and the limited number of bags.

A spokesman for the EPD said, "We will continue to expand waste reduction and recycling work to all levels of society. We will work together with chambers of commerce, groups from different sectors, schools and so on to strengthen publicity and education on waste reduction and recycling for all."

Details of the Charter have been uploaded to the EPD's Waste Reduction Website (www.wastereduction.gov.hk/zh-hk/residential-building).

Red flag hoisted at Hap Mun 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 3) that due to inclement weather, red flag has been hoisted at Hap Mun Bay Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Missing man in Mong Kok located

^ ^ ^ ^ A man who went missing in Mong Kok has been located.

^ ^ ^ ^ Sze Kim-leung, aged 45, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Mong Kok Station on February 16 morning. His family made a report to Police on May 20.

^ ^ ^ ^ The man was located at an elderly home on Prince Edward Road West in the small hours yesterday (June 2). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

SED visits New York (with photos)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, visited New York in the United States (US) on May 31 and June 1 (New York time). She toured a local school and exchanged views with education experts to learn about the latest education developments in the US. The Secretary-General of the University Grants Committee, Professor James Tang, joined the visit.

On May 31 (New York time), Dr Choi visited Teachers College Community School and met its principal, Ms Michelle Verdiner, to learn about the school's child-centred learning environment and how its participation in New York City's Algebra for All initiative helps prepare students to master algebraic concepts and skills by the end of eighth grade.

On the same day, Dr Choi met members of the Forum for World Education Committee to exchange views on the topics of sustainable education

development as well as the challenges and opportunities to be anticipated. She also discussed issues related to primary and secondary mathematics education and mathematics teacher training with Associate Professor of the Department of Mathematics of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dr Yvonne Lai, who is an expert in the field of mathematical knowledge for teaching.

Dr Choi said that the Education Bureau (EDB) has been further stepping up the promotion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education for all, for fun and for diversity in primary and secondary schools to build a solid foundation in science, technology and mathematics for students. The EDB also continues to renew and enrich the school curriculum, enhance teacher training in innovation and technology (I&T) as well as learning and teaching resources, and further nurture students with potential in STEAM fields to cultivate future I&T talent.

On June 1 (New York time), Dr Choi met Hong Kong youngsters to learn about their studies and career development in the US. She encouraged them to work hard at school and at work.

On the same day, Dr Choi met former Vice President of the Manhattan School of Music Professor Marjorie Merryman, Professor of Accounting of New York University Stern School of Business Professor Joshua Ronen, and Professor of Marketing of New York University Stern School of Business Professor Durairaj Maheswaran, to exchange views on the latest developments in building Hong Kong into an international education hub, and discuss the promotion of academic research and its impact in Hong Kong.

Dr Choi concluded her visit to the US and will arrive in Hong Kong today (June 3, Hong Kong time).





Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 3) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach in Islands District; and Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.