

## **“M” Mark status awarded to FIBA 3×3 World Tour Hong Kong Final 2024**

The following is issued on behalf of the Major Sports Events Committee:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) has awarded "M" Mark status to FIBA 3×3 World Tour Hong Kong Final 2024, which will be held at the Soccer Pitch, Victoria Park from November 22 to 24.

The Chairman of the MSEC, Mr Wilfred Ng, said today (November 21), "Invited by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Hong Kong will host the year-end event of the FIBA 3×3 professional season for the first time. We hope this major sports event will promote local sports development and bring athletes and spectators from around the globe to focus on Hong Kong, thereby attracting more international competitions to Hong Kong and further solidifying its status as the capital of sports events."

The "M" Mark System aims to encourage and help local "national sports associations" and private or non-government organisations to organise more major international sports events and nurture them into sustainable undertakings. Sports events meeting the assessment criteria will be granted "M" Mark status by the MSEC. Funding support will also be provided to some events.

For details of "M" Mark events, please visit [www.mevents.org.hk](http://www.mevents.org.hk).

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## **Additional screenings for Film Archive's "Dancing Between Words and Images – Hong Kong Film and Literature" (with photos)**

The Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is organising the screening programme "Dancing Between Words and Images – Hong Kong Film and Literature", featuring 17 Hong Kong films adapted from or inspired by literary works. In response to the overwhelming feedback on the screening programme, the HKFA will introduce additional screenings of "Red Rose White Rose" (1994) at 7pm on December 15 (Sunday) and "The Mad Phoenix" (1997) at 7pm on January 5, 2025 (Sunday), at its Cinema, so that more audience members can revisit these two classics.

Adapted from a short story by Eileen Chang and directed by Stanley Kwan and scripted by Edward Lam, "Red Rose White Rose" delicately depicts the struggles between love and married life under patriarchal norms.

"The Mad Phoenix" is adapted from the critically acclaimed stage play of the same title by its playwright Raymond To. It tells the twists and turns of legendary Cantonese opera playwright Kong Yue-kau, and won To a Hong Kong Film Award for Best Screenplay.

Tickets for the additional screenings priced at \$55 will be available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)) from November 22 (Friday). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme details, please visit the HKFA website ([www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en/web/hkfa/2024/literature/pe-event-2024-literature.html](http://www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en/web/hkfa/2024/literature/pe-event-2024-literature.html)) or call 2739 2139.



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## [EDB announces Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors for 2025/26 cohort – sub-degree programmes](#)

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (November 21) that the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP) will subsidise a total of 2 276 places in 32 sub-degree programmes of seven post-secondary institutions for the cohort to be admitted in the 2025/26 academic year.

These 32 designated sub-degree programmes fall under seven disciplines that have been identified as having keen manpower demand, namely architecture and engineering, computer science, creative industries, health care, sports and recreation, testing and certification, and tourism and hospitality. The programmes and number of subsidised places (see Annex) are determined by the EDB in consultation with relevant policy bureaux and departments.

In the 2025/26 academic year, the annual subsidy amount for laboratory-

based programmes will be increased from \$39,890 in the 2024/25 academic year to \$40,730, while that for non-laboratory-based programmes will be increased from \$22,910 to \$23,390 according to the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index.

The adjusted subsidy amounts are applicable to both new and continuing eligible students. The subsidy is tenable for the normal duration of the programmes concerned. Subsidised students will pay a tuition fee with the subsidy applied. Students in need may still apply for student financial assistance from the Student Finance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency in respect of the actual amount of tuition fee payable.

The SSSDP aims to subsidise students to pursue designated full-time locally accredited self-financing undergraduate and sub-degree programmes in selected disciplines with a view to nurturing talent for industries with keen human resource demand. The designated undergraduate programmes in the 2025/26 academic year, including the number of subsidised places and the subsidy amounts concerned, were announced on September 10.

Students may apply directly to the relevant institutions for admission to the designated sub-degree programmes under the SSSDP. Details of the SSSDP are available on the EDB website ([www.cspe.edu.hk/sssdp](http://www.cspe.edu.hk/sssdp)).

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## **Postal services to Norway return to normal**

Hongkong Post announced today (November 21) that, as advised by the postal administration of Norway, mail delivery services previously impacted by a train accident have returned to normal.

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## **Owner convicted of overcharging subdivided unit tenants for water**

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) announced that an owner of a subdivided flat on Shek Kin Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, was convicted today (November 21) of overcharging its subdivided unit (SDU) tenants for water, in contravention of regulation 47 of the Waterworks Regulations. The owner pleaded guilty to 22 counts of offences at the West

Kowloon Magistrates' Courts and was fined \$22,000.

This is the 23rd similar conviction since the first conviction in June 2022, with associated fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$22,000.

A spokesman for the WSD said that the Waterworks (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (the amended WWO) has strengthened the power of the Water Authority in evidence collection and information disclosure during the investigation of suspected cases of overcharging for water. The Water Authority can request the landlords, their agents, etc, to provide the tenancy agreements, receipts or payment records for charges for water. Failure to comply with such a request can be an offence and the offender is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a further fine of up to \$1,000 for each day the offence continues. It is anticipated that there will be more prosecution cases. The maximum penalty for overcharging SDU tenants for water has been raised to \$25,000 to deter this illegal act. Moreover, providing false or misleading information to the Water Authority is also an offence with a maximum penalty of a \$25,000 fine and six months' imprisonment.

The WSD spokesman strongly appealed to landlords to apply for the installation of separate water meters for their SDUs, which can greatly reduce the risk of contravening the amended WWO. The water fee deposit and the charge for providing a meter for each separate meter installed under the Scheme for Installation of Separate Water Meters for Subdivided Units will be waived. Individual water bills will be provided for each water meter account. The first 12 cubic metres of water are free at four-month intervals. SDU tenants can contact the WSD to request separate water meters. Upon receiving such requests, the WSD will contact the landlords for the installation of separate meters. If the landlords refuse, the WSD may require them to provide information on the recovery of water charges from their tenants in suspected overcharging cases. Details of the scheme can be obtained from the WSD website

([www.wsd.gov.hk/en/customer-services/application-for-water-supply/pilot-scheme-for-installation-of-separate-water-me/index.html](http://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/customer-services/application-for-water-supply/pilot-scheme-for-installation-of-separate-water-me/index.html)).

The WSD encourages the public to report any illegal act of overcharging SDU tenants for water for follow-up and investigation by the department. The public can call the WSD Hotline 3468 4963 or WhatsApp 5665 5517 to apply for the installation of separate water meters for SDUs. The WhatsApp hotline also handles matters relating to water overcharging in SDUs. Alternatively, the public can call the WSD Customer Enquiry Hotline 2824 5000 to report water overcharge cases. After calling the hotline and choosing a language, they can press "7" for reporting to staff directly.