

North District Family Medicine Centre commences general out-patient services (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the New Territories East Cluster (NTEC) today (December 14) announced that the North District Family Medicine Centre (NDFMC), located on 3/F, North District Community Health Centre (NDCHC) Building, 3 Wai Wo Street, Sheung Shui (Annex 1), will commence general out-patient services on December 16 (next Monday). The Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (SWHJCGOPC) will close on the same day, thus completing the mission of serving residents in the North District for more than 60 years.

The 10-storey NDCHC Building is one of the key projects in the first hospital development plan of the Hospital Authority. It houses the NDFMC, which provides not only general out-patient services but also multidisciplinary nursing, allied health, patient education and support services. Through this large-scale and modern community health centre, comprehensive one-stop primary and community healthcare services will be further enhanced for residents in the North District.

The operating hours of the NDFMC are the same as the previous SWHJCGOPC (Annex 2). For public enquiry, please call the clinic's telephone at 2957 5186.

Patients with chronic illnesses requiring regular follow-ups have been individually notified and arranged with follow-up appointments at the NDFMC. Patients with episodic illnesses can make appointments via the Telephone Appointment System (Telephone number: 3157 0965) or the HA Go "Book GOPC" mobile application function as usual.

"The NTEC has already informed residents in the district of the service arrangements through various channels, including banners and posters at the SWHJCGOPC. The respective district council has also been informed of the relevant arrangements. A reminder message will also be added to the Telephone Appointment System of the SWHJCGOPC and the HA Go 'Book GOPC' mobile application function to inform residents in the district of the service arrangements as early as possible," the spokesperson added.



Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second 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 (December 14) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

ExCo Non-official Members fully

support CE in leading HKSAR Government in its administration

The following is issued on behalf of the Executive Council Secretariat:

The Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Non-official Members) today (December 14) issued the following statement:

ExCo Non-official Members fully support the Chief Executive in leading the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in its administration to pursue economic growth, advance development, and address livelihood issues. They also expressed gratitude to President Xi Jinping for the importance he attached to Hong Kong and his care for the city.

During the Chief Executive's duty visit to Beijing, President Xi acknowledged the work of the Chief Executive and the HKSAR Government, emphasising that the Central Government will continue to fully, firmly and accurately implement the "one country, two systems" principle. President Xi's remarks also underscored the importance of reform and innovation, which inspires people to embrace changes, be proactive, and embody a spirit of innovation and creativity.

As the Chief Executive said, the next two and a half years will be a critical period for Hong Kong to move forward, advance from stability to prosperity, and build on its achievement while beginning a new chapter of development. ExCo Non-official Members will continue to fully support the Chief Executive in leading Hong Kong to pursue reforms and changes by offering advices on important policies and actively collaborating with the HKSAR Government to implement various reform measures, with a view to creating new momentum and advantages for economic development, promoting Hong Kong's transition from stability to prosperity through innovation and invention, and advancing high-quality development in Hong Kong together.

ExCo Non-official Members believe that with the unwavering support of the Central Government and the unifying efforts from all sectors of the community, Hong Kong will effectively leverage its advantages of "one country, two systems", rise to challenges, maintain prosperity and stability, and scale new heights.

Red fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

The fire danger situation today (December 14) is red and fire risk is extreme. The countryside is extremely vulnerable to fire. If you are planning to spend the day in the countryside, please take pre-cooked food for a picnic and take all measures to prevent hill fires. The penalty for lighting fires illegally in the countryside is \$25,000 and a year's imprisonment.

Territory-wide flag day today

Wu Oi Christian Centre has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (December 14), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities, including any updated information, covered by the issued Public Subscription Permits have been published on the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/theme/fundraising/search). Permits for flag days containing information on contact methods of the flag-selling organisations and the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/controlofc/flagdays) for reference. For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the designated hotline of the 1823 Call Centre at 3142 2678.

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.