

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 (April 5) 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; Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

"M" Mark status awarded to Cathay/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens 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 Cathay/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens 2024, which will be held from April 5 to 7.

The Chairman of the MSEC, Mr Wilfred Ng, said today (April 5) that like all other "M" Mark events, this event will not only promote sports development and showcase Hong Kong's capability to host world-class sports events, but also add colour and vibrancy to Hong Kong, bring in more visitors from abroad and enhance Hong Kong's position as a centre for major international sports events.

"Hong Kong Sevens has long been regarded as one of the premier events in the world. Participated by top-quality teams and athletes from around the globe, the tournament has provided fans and spectators with thrilling matches," Mr Ng said.

The "M" Mark System aims to encourage and help local "national sports associations" and private and 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.

First National Security Education Study Tour returns to Hong Kong after visiting Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou (with photo)

â€‹The National Security Education Study Tour organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government concluded and returned to Hong Kong this afternoon (April 4). Seventy-five principals, teachers and students from 17 secondary schools conducted a study visit to Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou from March 29 to April 4, 2024. The participants are mainly students with outstanding performance and achievements, as well as their coaching principals and teachers, in the Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge, jointly organised by the Department of Justice, the Security Bureau, the Education Bureau, and the Hong Kong Shine Tak Foundation. At the opening ceremony in Beijing, the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin; the Secretary General of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR, Mr Au Chi-kwong; the Chairman of the Hong Kong Shine Tak Foundation, Mrs Tung Ng Ling-ling, and members of the study tour were received by Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Central People's Government Mr Nong Rong.

In the past few days, the principals, teachers, and students visited Tiananmen Square to watch the flag-raising ceremony, climbed the Tiananmen Tower, and visited the Palace Museum, and the Museum of the Communist Party of China; the exhibition hall of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China's aircraft, and the National Security Education Exhibition Hall in Shanghai; the Hangzhou National Archives of Publications and Culture, the Liangzhu Museum, and the Alibaba Xixi park in Hangzhou, among others. They also interacted and exchanged ideas with teachers and students from the Experimental High School Attached to Beijing Normal University at the China Science and Technology Museum.

During the tour, the students actively participated and explored different themed museums and exhibition halls. They were eager to ask questions and were particularly moved and inspired by the arduous Long March of the Communist Party of China. The development of the ARJ21, C919 and C929 aircraft also enhanced their understanding and interest in the future technological development of the country. When sharing their learning and campus lives with Mainland students, they were deeply influenced by the serious and proactive attitude of the Mainland students. They appreciated each other and established friendships.

Lung, a student from Hong Kong Taoist Association Tang Hin Memorial Secondary School expressed immense pride and respect when watching the flag-

raising ceremony on the viewing stage at Tiananmen Square. As the national flag rose, a feeling of unparalleled pride and reverence surged within her, and she is willing to contribute her efforts to the prosperity and success of her motherland. Yin, a student from St Stephen's Girls' College, praised the magnificent and exquisite Forbidden City, which represent the history of imperial power during the Ming and Qing dynasties, as well as the decline of feudalism. Understanding the importance of national security, she realises that only with a strong and prosperous country, social stability, and protection from external threats can people live and work in peace. Therefore, she remains steadfast in her determination to strive for the defense of national security. Ho, a student from Shun Tak Fraternal Association Yung Yau College, was impressed by the significant breakthrough brought by the development of commercial aircraft to China's aviation industry, symbolising the progress of Chinese technology and strengthening our confidence in science and national identity. Furthermore, she also realised that each generation has its own "long march", and each generation has its own responsibilities. She will always remember that no matter what challenges she faces, she will bravely forge ahead and walk her own "long march" to contribute to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The Under Secretary for Security, Mr Michael Cheuk, participating the visit to Hangzhou and the closing ceremony, motivated the participants with the Four Sentences of Hengqu, "To ordain conscience for Heaven and Earth. To secure life and fortune for the people. To continue lost teachings for past sages. To establish peace for all future generations." He hoped that they would continue to take the responsibility of safeguarding national security and strive for the betterment of Hong Kong and the country.



[Red flag lowered at Golden Beach](#)

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 (April 4) that since the water off Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District is now suitable for swimming, the red flag has been lowered.

The red flag was hoisted at the beach earlier on after a red tide was found.

FEHD orders restaurant in Sham Shui Po to suspend business for 14 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a general restaurant in Sham Shui Po to suspend business for 14 days, as the licensee repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally.

The restaurant, located at Shop C5 on the ground floor of 353-357 Un Chau Street, was ordered to suspend business from today (April 4) to April 17.

"Two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant licensee in last November and January this year. A total fine of \$5,300 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in the 14-day licence suspension," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee concerned had a record of two convictions for the same offence in August and October last year. A total fine of \$4,600 was levied and 30 demerit points were also registered, leading to a seven-day licence suspension this February.

The spokesman reminded the licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR and other relevant regulations, or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit its licence and a sign at a conspicuous place of the premises, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/licence-foodPremises-search.html).