<u>Update on cluster of parainfluenza</u> <u>cases at Tuen Mun Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

â€<Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with parainfluenza virus in a special care baby unit, the spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital made the following update today (March 28):

One more baby, a 14-month-old male, and a staff member in the ward presented with fever or respiratory symptoms. Appropriate tests were arranged for the patient and the result was positive to parainfluenza virus. The patient is being treated in isolation and in stable condition. The staff member is currently on leave.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

Appeal for information on missing man in Ta Kwu Ling (with photo)

Police today (March 28) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Ta Kwu Ling

Wong Hong-chin, aged 35, went missing after he was last seen at MTR Lo Wu Station yesterday (March 27) afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.8 metres tall, 80 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a yellow T-shirt, brown trousers, black sandals and carrying a black crossbody bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or who may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 5683 7041 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any Police station.



London ETO supports Hong Kong youth a cappella concert in London (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) supported an a cappella concert of The Mockingbird at Conway Hall in London, the United Kingdom (UK), on March 26 and 27 (London time) to showcase the young music talent of Hong Kong and Hong Kong's pop music culture.

The concert featured over 15 enchanting Cantonese and English pop songs across generations through the vocal performance by The Mockingbird, formed by a group of Hong Kong students studying in universities in the UK.

Speaking at the concert, Deputy Director-General of the London ETO Ms Amy Wong said that it is the London ETO's great pleasure to enable young performers from Hong Kong to showcase their musical talent in London. The Mockingbird's enchanting performance exemplifies Hong Kong's unique blend of Eastern and Western influences, making it an ideal hub for international cultural exchanges as supported by the National 14th Five-Year Plan.

Ms Wong added that Hong Kong has a bustling schedule of arts and cultural events throughout the year. Just this month, the Hong Kong Art March has been staged, covering a wide range of events including art exhibitions, pop and film events and cultural summits. In April, Hong Kong will launch the second Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival. The first Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo in October will also provide a comprehensive platform for showcasing

top-notch performing arts productions and enhancing exchanges to create business opportunities for these programmes and creative talent. These events highlight the diverse arts and cultural offerings in Hong Kong.

The Mockingbird is an a cappella group founded in 2009 by Hong Kong students studying in universities in the UK. The group have staged performances across different cities in the UK including London, Manchester and Cambridge.







<u>Appointments of Hong Kong Housing</u> <u>Authority members</u>

The Chief Executive has reappointed five serving members of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), including Dr Johnnie Chan Chi-kau, Ms Cleresa Wong Pie-yue, Ms Serena Lau Sze-wan, Mr Alan Man Hoi-leung and Ms Ann Au Chor-kwan, and appointed four new members to the HA from April 1, 2024, for a two-year term.

The new HA members are:

Ms Jeny Yeung Mei-chun Mr Rex Wong Siu-han Professor Francis Chan Ka-leung Ms Kelly Chan Yuen-sau

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the two retiring HA members, Mr Raymond Chan Yuk-ming and Ms Cissy Chan Ching-sze, for their invaluable contributions to the HA's governance, estate management and construction programme over the years. I also welcome the new HA members, and look forward to working closely with them in taking forward public housing developments," said the Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho.

The membership of the HA from April 1, 2024, is as follows:

Chairman

Secretary for Housing

Vice-chairman

Director of Housing

Non-official members

Ms Melissa Pang

Mr Shiu Ka-fai

Dr Johnnie Chan Chi-kau

Ms Cleresa Wong Pie-yue

Mr Anthony Chiu Kwok-wai

Dr Billy Mak Sui-choi

Mr Lau Chun-kong

Ms Clara Chan Yuen-shan

Ms Serena Lau Sze-wan

Mr Alan Man Hoi-leung

Ms Ann Au Chor-kwan

Mr Chris Ip Ngo-tung

Dr Lo Wai-kwok

Ms Judy Chan Kapui

Ms Carmen Kan Wai-mun

Mr Tang Ka-piu

Ms Jeny Yeung Mei-chun

Mr Rex Wong Siu-han

Professor Francis Chan Ka-leung

Ms Kelly Chan Yuen-sau

Official members

Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) Director of Lands

<u>Grading of beach water quality</u> released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (March 28) released the latest grading of water quality for eight gazetted beaches that are open for swimming.

Seven beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1) and one as Fair (Grade 2).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach Clear Water Bay Second Beach Deep Water Bay Beach Golden Beach Repulse Bay Beach Silver Mine Bay Beach Stanley Main Beach

Grade 2 beach is:

Silverstrand Beach

Compared with the grading released last week, there was no change in the grading for these beaches.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades, namely Good (Grade 1), Fair (Grade 2), Poor (Grade 3) and Very Poor (Grade 4), according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

While the ratings represent the general water quality at the beaches, an EPD spokesman reminded members of the public that water quality could be temporarily affected during and after periods of heavy rain. Bathers should avoid swimming at beaches for up to three days after a tropical cyclone or heavy rainfall.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the EPD's website on Beach Water Quality (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666. Members of the public can also obtain the latest daily water quality forecast information for all beaches that are open for swimming through the Beach Water Quality Forecast mobile application (available for download from: www.epd.gov.hk/en/BWQApp) or the dedicated beach water quality forecast page (www.epd.gov.hk/en/BWQForecast) on the EPD's beach thematic website.