

## **Red flags hoisted at several 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 (July 21) 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; and Hap Mun Bay Beach, Silverstrand Beach, Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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## **Scheme delivers community care**

A pilot scheme that involves Care Teams providing services and follow-up support to the elderly and carers in their communities currently serves households in the Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts, and is being considered for extension to all 18 districts.

News.gov.hk interviewed an elderly couple whose daily lives have been enhanced by the District Services and Community Care Teams – Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers, and learned more from a Care Team member and a representative of the Social Welfare Department about the services provided.

The story is available at [www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature](http://www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature) today (July 21) in text and video format.

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## **Marine Department announcement**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Standby Signal No.1 has been issued, the Marine Department reminds vessel owners, masters and persons-in-charge of vessels that they should take precautionary measures immediately and properly secure their vessels at safe locations.

In case of an accident, a report should be made immediately to the Vessel Traffic Centre at 2233 7801.

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## **Labour Department highly concerned about fatal work accident that happened in Tsuen Wan today**

The Labour Department (LD) is highly concerned about a fatal work accident that happened at a building in Tsuen Wan this morning (July 20), in which a male worker, while erecting a bamboo scaffold at the external wall of the building, fell from height to the ground. He was certified dead at the scene. The LD is saddened by the death of the worker and expresses its deepest sympathy to his family.

The LD's spokesman said, "We commenced an immediate on-site investigation as soon as we were notified of the accident and issued suspension notices to the contractors concerned, suspending the erection, alteration, dismantling and use of the bamboo scaffold on the external wall of the building. The contractors cannot resume the work process until the LD is satisfied that measures to abate the relevant risks have been taken."

The spokesman added, "We will complete the investigation as soon as possible to identify the cause of the accident, ascertain the liability of the duty holders and recommend improvement measures. We will take actions pursuant to the law if there is any violation of the work safety legislation."

The general duty provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance require employers to provide safe working environments, plant and systems of work for their employees. Those who contravene the relevant provisions are liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for two years on conviction on indictment; or \$3 million and imprisonment for six months on summary conviction.

In regard to today's accident, the LD will issue a Work Safety Alert through its mobile application "OSH 2.0", website and email, giving a brief account of the accident concerned to duty holders, workers' unions, professional bodies of safety practitioners and others, and reminding the industry of the importance of following safety precautionary measures to prevent a recurrence of similar accidents.

The LD will also remind the employer concerned of the liability for employees' compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, assist family members of the deceased to claim employees' compensation and closely follow up on the case. For those with financial difficulties, the LD will

assist them to apply for appropriate emergency funds. Subject to the needs and wishes of family members of the deceased, the LD will also liaise with the Social Welfare Department for financial or other assistance.

For the sake of securing the safety and health of employees at work, the LD appeals to employers to provide plant and systems of work that are safe and without risks to health. Employees should co-operate with their employers, adopt all safety measures and use personal protective equipment provided properly to avoid endangering their own work safety and that of other workers.

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## [Appeal for information on missing man in Kwun Tong \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (July 20) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Chow Wai-cheung, aged 33, went missing after he left his residence in Kai Tin Estate on July 18 morning. His family made a report to Police yesterday (July 19).

He is about 1.8 metres tall and of medium build. He has a square face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a white short-sleeved T-shirt, blue jeans, white shoes and carrying a grey crossbody bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or email to [rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.

