

Red fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

The fire danger situation today (March 20) 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.

Government Flying Service fully supports passage of Safeguarding National Security Bill

The Government Flying Service (GFS) supports the passage of the Safeguarding National Security Bill (the Bill) by the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), pledging full support for the effective implementation of the law in Hong Kong.

The Bill gives full effect to the constitutional obligation stipulated in Article 23 of the Basic Law, the Decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) on Establishing and Improving the Legal System and Enforcement Mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Safeguard National Security adopted by the NPC on May 28, 2020 (the 5.28 Decision), as well as the Hong Kong National Security Law, which is an important milestone in the HKSAR's thorough and precise implementation of "one country, two systems".

The GFS said that while fulfilling its core duty and mission of providing lifesaving and emergency responses, it is fully committed to upholding national security. The GFS spares no effort to work with the Security Bureau under its professional ambit in safeguarding national security and maintaining Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability.

Fire Services Department fully

supports passage of Safeguarding National Security Bill

In response to the passage of Safeguarding National Security Bill by the Legislative Council, the Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung, today (March 19) said that, as a member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) disciplinary forces, the Fire Services Department (FSD) fully supports the Bill, thereby refining the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security.

Mr Yeung said, "It is the constitutional duty of the HKSAR to safeguard national security. I have every confidence that upon completion of the enactment of the legislation for safeguarding national security, Hong Kong will be able to focus on the development of society, people's livelihood and economy, and ensure the steadfast and successful implementation of 'one country, two systems.'

"The FSD will, as in the past, remain steadfast in its duties, stand united to promote the safety and development of Hong Kong and the country, and strive to protect the lives and properties of the public, making Hong Kong a safe place to live and work."

CSD fully supports passage of Safeguarding National Security Bill

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has pledged full support for the passage of the Safeguarding National Security Bill by the Legislative Council today (March 19).

The Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Wong Kwok-hing, said that the Bill fully implements the constitutional duty and requirements for safeguarding national security set out in Article 23 of the Basic Law, representing a very important step to establish the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to safeguard national security. The CSD will ensure the effective implementation of the ordinances, so as to safeguard national security.

The CSD, as the last element in the criminal justice system, will continue to ensure prison stability and prevent anyone in prison from organising or nurturing power to oppose the Central Authorities and stir up disorder in society, in an effort to safeguard national sovereignty.

Immigration Department fully supports passage of Safeguarding National Security Bill

The Legislative Council passed the Safeguarding National Security Bill today (March 19), and the Director of Immigration, Mr Benson Kwok, welcomes this development. The entire staff of the Immigration Department (ImmD) will fully co-operate in implementing the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, actively eliminating any risks to national security, and protecting the interests and well-being of the Hong Kong people.

Mr Kwok emphasises that he will continue to lead the ImmD with the departmental values of "patriotism and perservance", and exert every effort to safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests. The ImmD will continue to safeguard the country's southern gateway to the world, by strictly adhering to all applicable laws and current immigration policies in all immigration matters, ensuring the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.