

HONG KONG SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

AI-Assisted Open Source Intelligence Assessment

Analysis Period: November 04, 2026 - November 11, 2026

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Security Analysis Report: Hong Kong (November 04, 2026 - November 11, 2026)

Executive Summary

Hong Kong's security landscape during this period was primarily shaped by significant cybersecurity incidents and ongoing geopolitical tensions surrounding its National Security Law. Multiple data breaches, including those affecting financial services platform MoneySmart and Cathay Pacific via its service provider Amadeus, exposed sensitive personal and booking information. Concurrently, the sentencing of pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong to an additional 10 years under the National Security Law drew strong condemnation from international bodies and governments, highlighting persistent concerns over human rights and the rule of law. The city also saw continued activity from China-aligned cyber threat actors and the widespread abuse of AI-powered hacking tools, while actively participating in cybersecurity defense drills and strengthening economic ties with Beijing.

Key Security Developments

- Cybersecurity Incident: MoneySmart Data Breach

On November 3, MoneySmart, a financial comparison platform operating in Singapore and Hong Kong, disclosed a data breach discovered on October 29. An unauthorized third party accessed internal IT systems and copied customer data. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in Hong Kong reported that approximately 305,000 personal data records of Hong Kong individuals and 725 partial credit card numbers may have been affected. The compromised data included names, dates of birth, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and financial information.

- Cybersecurity Incident: Cathay Pacific via Amadeus Data Breach

Hong Kong-based airline Cathay Pacific confirmed on November 2-4 that approximately 53,000 flight bookings were affected by a data breach involving its third-party software provider, Amadeus. Cathay Pacific was notified by Amadeus on October 28 about unauthorized access to travel reservation data in its systems, which occurred between August 2023 and September 2026. The compromised information

included booking references, passenger names, flight details, and in a smaller number of cases, additional personal information such as email and phone contacts, travel documents, and frequent flyer numbers. There was no evidence that financial or payment information was accessed.

- National Security Law Sentencing of Joshua Wong

On November 5, prominent Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong was sentenced to an additional 10 years in prison under the Beijing-imposed National Security Law. The High Court's Court of First Instance found Wong guilty of "conspiracy to commit collusion with foreign countries or with external elements to endanger national security." Wong, already serving a separate sentence, had been charged in 2025 for his advocacy and alleged collusion with foreign officials.

- International Condemnation of Wong's Sentencing

The sentencing of Joshua Wong on November 5 drew immediate and strong condemnation from international entities. The United States and the United Kingdom condemned the "cruel" sentence, calling for Wong's immediate release. On November 6, the UN Human Rights Office also expressed deep concern over the harsh penalties imposed under national security legislation in Hong Kong and Macao, reiterating calls for a review of such convictions against international human rights obligations.

- China-aligned Threat Actor "SlippyNunchucks" Targeting Hong Kong

ESET reported on November 4 that a China-aligned threat actor, SlippyNunchucks, has been actively targeting organizations and Chinese-speaking individuals in Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Oman, and Sri Lanka since July 1, 2026. The group is attributed to a Domain Name System (DNS) hijacking operation that abuses insecure HTTP communications in Windows versions of popular Chinese applications like Sogou Input Method to deploy an implant called DarkVigil (aka FDMTP) for surveillance purposes.

- Widespread Abuse of AI-Powered Hacking Tool ARTEX

Reports from Check Point Research and CERT-In between November 5 and 8 highlighted the increasing abuse of ARTEX, an open-source, AI-powered penetration testing platform, by cybercriminals. Hong Kong was identified as a significant location for ARTEX command-and-control (C&C) servers, hosting 295 instances (18% of observed activity). Additionally, 17 backdoored ARTEX consoles, exposing root access, were found in Hong Kong between November 2 and 4. These AI agents are used for opportunistic, financially motivated cybercrime, including stealing gaming credentials and code-signing certificates.

- Hong Kong Cybersecurity Attack and Defence Drill 2026 Concludes

The Hong Kong Cybersecurity Attack and Defence Drill 2026, spearheaded by the Digital Policy Office (DPO), successfully concluded on October 31 (reported November

1). The three-day drill involved 51 defending teams from government departments, public organizations, and private enterprises, and 23 attacking teams from Hong Kong and Mainland cybersecurity professional organizations and tertiary institutions. The exercise aimed to identify system vulnerabilities and enhance defense mechanisms and incident response capabilities.

- Microsoft November 2026 Security Update Alert

On November 11, the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre (HKCERT) issued an alert regarding Microsoft's monthly security update for November 2026. The update addressed multiple vulnerabilities, including CVE-2026-124194, a "Medium Risk" vulnerability in Microsoft Outlook that is being exploited in the wild. This vulnerability could lead to information disclosure by allowing Outlook to connect to an attacker-controlled network location without user warning.

- Deepening Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation

Chief Executive John Lee attended the 29th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium on November 4. He emphasized deepening collaboration in financial opening-up, innovation, and technology, and leveraging Hong Kong's role as a "super connector" to empower Chinese enterprises globally. This aligns with China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030), which aims to support Hong Kong in enhancing its competitive advantages.

- Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit

Hong Kong hosted the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit from November 2 to 4. Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng addressed the summit via video, expressing confidence in Hong Kong's ability to consolidate its competitive advantages through its first five-year plan, aligned with the national 15th Five-Year Plan. Discussions at the summit also touched upon geopolitical fractures and the race for artificial intelligence dominance.

- Upcoming US-China Hong Kong Forum

The 7th US-China Hong Kong Forum is scheduled to take place from November 15 to 17. The forum aims to provide a platform for dialogue, connecting high-level diplomacy with broader discussions among businesses, academia, and communities, particularly concerning US-China relations and their impact on Hong Kong.

Cyber Threat Landscape

Hong Kong faced a dynamic cyber threat landscape during this period, marked by significant data breaches and the active presence of both state-aligned and financially motivated actors. The financial services sector was directly impacted by the

MoneySmart data breach, discovered on October 29 and publicly reported on November 3, which potentially exposed over 300,000 Hong Kong customer records, including sensitive financial and personal identification information. Similarly, the travel industry saw a major incident with the Cathay Pacific data breach, reported between November 2 and 4, stemming from a vulnerability in its third-party service provider Amadeus's systems, affecting 53,000 bookings with passenger names, flight details, and some contact information exposed.

A notable state-aligned actor, SlippyNunchucks (China-aligned), was reported by ESET on November 4 to be actively targeting organizations and Chinese-speaking individuals in Hong Kong since July 1, 2026. This group utilizes DNS hijacking and deploys the DarkVigil implant through popular Chinese applications like Sogou Input Method for surveillance. Furthermore, the widespread abuse of ARTEX, an AI-powered penetration testing platform, by cybercriminals for financially motivated attacks was highlighted in reports from November 5-8. Hong Kong was identified as a significant hub for ARTEX operations, hosting 295 C&C servers and 17 backdoored consoles, indicating a local presence in the infrastructure supporting these autonomous hacking campaigns.

In terms of vulnerabilities, HKCERT issued an alert on November 11 regarding Microsoft's monthly security update, noting that CVE-2026-124194, a "Medium Risk" vulnerability in Microsoft Outlook, is being actively exploited in the wild for information disclosure. While outside the immediate reporting period, the Hong Kong Digital Policy Office had also issued an "extremely high risk" warning in late October for two critical PHP flaws (CVE-2026-109618 and CVE-2026-109619, collectively known as "PHP2Shell"), urging urgent patching for government and public bodies. HKCERT's Q3 2026 report, published on November 5, indicated a 15% increase in cybersecurity incidents compared to the previous year, with phishing accounting for approximately 61% of all incidents, and noted that AI is accelerating the production of phishing lures and reconnaissance.

Background: Threat actors known to target Hong Kong include Lazarus Group (North Korea-linked), APT40 (China-linked), APT3 (China-linked), Earth Lusca (China-linked), LOTUS PANDA (China-linked), BRONZE HIGHLAND (China-linked), TEMPER PANDA (China-linked), and Aoqin Dragon (China-linked).

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

The period saw Hong Kong navigating complex geopolitical currents, primarily influenced by its relationship with mainland China and international reactions to its governance. The sentencing of pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong to an additional 10 years under the National Security Law on November 5 triggered strong

condemnation from the United States, the United Kingdom, and the UN Human Rights Office. This event underscores the ongoing international scrutiny of Hong Kong's autonomy and human rights situation, further solidifying perceptions of a tightening grip from Beijing and potentially impacting diplomatic relations with Western powers. The Hong Kong government, through its Secretary for Security, Tang Ping-keung, defended the judicial proceedings as fair and open, condemning "malicious attacks and smears launched by external forces."

Economically and strategically, Hong Kong continued to deepen its integration with mainland China. Chief Executive John Lee's participation in the 29th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium on November 4 highlighted efforts to expand collaboration in financial services, innovation, and technology, aligning Hong Kong's development with China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030). This strategic alignment aims to leverage Hong Kong's role as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" for Chinese enterprises going global. The Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit (November 2-4) also served as a platform for Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng to express confidence in Hong Kong's future under the national plan, despite discussions at the summit acknowledging geopolitical fractures.

The upcoming 7th US-China Hong Kong Forum (November 15-17) indicates Hong Kong's continued, albeit delicate, role as a bridge for dialogue between major powers. However, China's broader stance on cybersecurity, as evidenced by its response to a UK report accusing Beijing of intending AI operations against critical infrastructure, suggests a defensive and often confrontational approach to Western accusations, which could indirectly affect Hong Kong's cyber policy and international cooperation. Overall, Hong Kong's geopolitical trajectory during this period reinforced its increasing integration with mainland China's strategic objectives, while simultaneously facing sustained international pressure regarding its political freedoms.

EU Relations and Implications

During this specific reporting period, there were no direct news reports detailing new developments in Hong Kong's relations with the European Union. The EU relationship outlook, as assessed in August 2026, remains "Stable" according to the provided reference data, with existing cooperation projects in Trade & Investment, Education & Skills, and Development Cooperation.

However, the security and cyber developments outlined above carry indirect implications for EU interests in Hong Kong. The sentencing of Joshua Wong under the National Security Law and the subsequent condemnation from the UN Human Rights Office, the US, and the UK, are likely to be viewed with concern by the EU, which often emphasizes human rights and the rule of law in its external relations. Such events

could strain diplomatic engagement and potentially influence the EU's assessment of the business and political environment in Hong Kong, impacting trade and investment confidence for EU companies. Furthermore, the significant data breaches affecting MoneySmart and Cathay Pacific, coupled with the active presence of state-aligned cyber threat actors and the widespread abuse of AI-powered hacking tools, pose direct risks to EU citizens' data and EU businesses operating in Hong Kong. These cybersecurity concerns could necessitate enhanced digital security cooperation or revised risk assessments for EU-funded projects and investments in the region.

Military and Defense Analysis

During the period of November 04, 2026, to November 11, 2026, there were no reported military activities, defense policy shifts, defense acquisitions, or significant defense industry developments specifically concerning Hong Kong. The city's defense is primarily the responsibility of the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison, and news coverage during this week focused predominantly on cybersecurity, political security, and economic integration with mainland China rather than conventional military matters. Therefore, there is no significant information to report regarding force posture, modernization programs, or defense spending trends for Hong Kong within this timeframe.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): Hong Kong is likely to continue experiencing a high volume of cybersecurity incidents, particularly data breaches and phishing attacks, exacerbated by the increasing use of AI in offensive operations. The financial and travel sectors will remain prime targets. The government will likely continue its efforts to strengthen cybersecurity defenses, as demonstrated by the recent Attack and Defence Drill. Politically, international scrutiny over the implementation of the National Security Law will persist, especially following high-profile sentencings. Hong Kong will further deepen its economic and technological integration with mainland China, aligning with the 15th Five-Year Plan.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: The primary risk areas include the financial sector (due to high-value data and potential for direct financial gain), critical infrastructure (given the reported intent of nation-states to use AI cyber against such targets), and any organizations handling large volumes of personal data. The ongoing political tensions stemming from national security cases could lead to further diplomatic friction with Western countries, potentially affecting Hong Kong's international standing and business environment. The proliferation and abuse of AI-powered

hacking tools like ARTEX represent a significant and evolving threat, capable of accelerating attack chains and increasing the scale of cybercrime.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and sophistication of reported cyberattacks and data breaches, particularly those attributed to state-aligned actors or involving AI tools. Observe any new legislative or policy developments related to cybersecurity and data protection, as well as the outcomes and follow-up actions from the recent cybersecurity drill. On the political front, monitor international reactions to national security law enforcement, any changes in diplomatic engagement with major powers (including the EU), and the progress of economic integration initiatives with mainland China. The rhetoric and outcomes of upcoming dialogues, such as the US-China Hong Kong Forum, will also be important.

Strategic recommendations: Hong Kong organizations should prioritize robust cybersecurity measures, including advanced threat detection, incident response planning, and employee training on phishing awareness. Given the prevalence of AI-driven attacks, investing in AI-powered defense mechanisms and staying updated on emerging AI-related threats is crucial. Enhanced collaboration between government, public, and private sectors on threat intelligence sharing and joint defense exercises should be a continuous effort. From a governance perspective, transparent communication regarding national security law implementation and its impact on business and civil liberties could help mitigate international concerns and maintain Hong Kong's appeal as an international hub.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: HK Free Press

• Nvidia CEO affair revives push for tougher US line on China (2026-11-11 03:26)

The scandal engulfing Nvidia chief executive Jensen Huang could have its biggest consequences in Washington, where China hawks are seizing on the affair to push a hard line that had been put on the back burner under President Donald Trump. Huang, who co-founded Nvidia and turned it into the world's leading supplier of the processors [⋯]

• HKFP Lens: Hong Kong LGBTQ+ groups stage 'Rainbow Strength' fitness contest after Pride market venue axed (2026-11-11 01:35)

LGBTQ+ groups in Hong Kong have staged an inclusive fitness event dubbed "Rainbow Strength," after their annual Pride market faced venue cancellations for a second consecutive year – renewing concerns over dwindling civic space in the city. The Hong Kong Pride Committee announced on Saturday that the fitness contest – featuring 16 participants across various [⋯]

• Education Bureau defends plan to teach primary pupils Mandarin Pinyin typing (2026-11-10 23:35)

Hong Kong's Education Bureau has defended a proposal to have primary school pupils learn to type in Chinese using a romanisation system for Mandarin, the language mainly used in mainland China, saying students would not have to learn a new typing method from scratch. The bureau proposed in its Information and Innovation Technology Curriculum Framework [⋯]

• MTR pledges cooperation with gov't after reports of underfilled pillars at Tung Chung West Station (2026-11-10 09:49)

Hong Kong's railway operator, the MTR Corporation, has announced that it will cooperate with a government probe into a construction fault, after local media reported that up to 30 concrete pillars at the new Tung Chung West Station were found to be underfilled. The MTR Corporation said in a response issued on Monday that it [⋯]

• How China gets the Nvidia chips it needs to develop AI (2026-11-10 08:10)

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has admitted to having an affair, reportedly with a Chinese executive at a Singapore-based company that the United States suspects of smuggling AI microchips into China. The scandal has focused attention on how China, a major artificial-intelligence power in itself, obtains the cutting-edge chips despite US export restrictions. Why are Nvidia [⋯]

• Independent Hong Kong book fair urges transparency after 5 exhibitors barred under ‘force majeure’ (2026-11-10 07:58)

Organisers of an independent Hong Kong book fair have called for openness and transparency after five exhibitors were allegedly barred by authorities without explanation. Duk6 Duk6, an “indie narrative book fest” that promotes self-published works, is set to hold its fourth edition on November 14 and 15 at The Mills in Tsuen Wan. This year’s [⋯]

• Housing provider apologises after scheduling fire drill for Wang Fuk Court survivors on anniversary of deadly blaze (2026-11-10 04:20)

A Hong Kong public housing provider has apologised and rescheduled a fire drill at an estate mainly occupied by survivors of the Wang Fuk Court fire following backlash over the exercise being scheduled on the first anniversary of the deadly blaze. A Threads user identifying herself as a former resident of Wang Fuk Court, now [⋯]

• US slams jailing of Macau pro-democracy ex-lawmaker (2026-11-10 03:48)

The United States has said it “strongly condemns” last week’s sentencing of pro-democracy activist and former lawmaker Au Kam San in the Chinese territory of Macau. Au was convicted of subversion and other offences, and sentenced on Friday to 12-and-a-half years in jail in the former Portuguese colony, which reverted to China in 1999. It [⋯]

• Dozens rescued after Ocean Park observation tower breaks down again (2026-11-10 03:00)

Around 40 people were trapped near the top of Ocean Park’s 72-metre revolving observation tower on Monday, with one woman reporting feeling unwell. According to a Monday Fire Services Department Facebook post, visitors stranded atop the Ocean Park Tower were escorted by staff down stairs in the centre of the tower. Meanwhile, a team of [⋯]

• Explainer: Hong Kong’s national security crackdown – month 76 (2026-11-09 23:45)

October saw national security trials go on in Hong Kong while a political commentator defended himself in court over the charge of revealing details of a meeting with national security police and a retiree convicted of sedition received a mandatory hospital order. Meanwhile, more initiatives have been rolled out to promote national security awareness, including [⋯]

• Hong Kong man unanimously acquitted of raping female friend at Sai Kung campsite (2026-11-09 11:38)

A 24-year-old man has been acquitted of raping a female friend at a Sai Kung campsite three years ago, with the jury unanimously finding him not guilty. Fung Cheuk-kei appeared at the High Court on Monday morning following an eight-day trial for two counts of rape before a seven-member jury – including four women and [⋯]

• Who is Alice Huang, the Chinese tech executive accused of spying on Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang? (2026-11-09 06:55)

Tech executive Alice Huang is the woman accused of spying for China during an affair with Jensen Huang, head of US artificial intelligence chip titan Nvidia, according to media reports. Public details are sparse about the woman, also known as Huang Le, who had reportedly been a top figure at a Singapore-based data centre company [⋯]

• Hong Kong must reform ticketing and venue rules to attract touring mega-acts, think tank says (2026-11-09 06:28)

Hong Kong must step up its ticketing systems and ensure promoters can secure venues to attract touring artists, a think tank has said, after finding that most Western artists' tours skipped the city in recent years. Out of 95 Western artists' concert tours between 2023 and 2026 analysed in a report published on Monday by [⋯]

• 3 hikers injured after being struck by paraglider in Ma On Shan Country Park (2026-11-09 03:45)

Three hikers have been injured after a paraglider lost control while descending in Ma On Shan Country Park on Sunday. Police received a report at around 12.30pm from a woman who said she and two others were struck by a paraglider near Ngong Ping – a popular paragliding spot – in Ma On Shan Country [⋯]

• Nvidia announces probe into CEO Jensen Huang after he acknowledges affair with alleged Chinese spy (2026-11-09 02:44)

Chip giant Nvidia's board announced Sunday it opened a probe into Chief Executive and co-founder Jensen Huang after he acknowledged an affair with a woman US officials say was working for Chinese intelligence. Late last month, The New York Times reported that US intelligence officials concluded that the woman, a Chinese executive linked to a Singapore-based [⋯]

• Hong Kong to see cold snap from Tuesday with lows of 16°C following hottest October on record (2026-11-09 01:09)

Hongkongers will experience a cold snap this week following the hottest October on record. The city will see lows of 19 degrees Celsius on Monday, with temperatures on Tuesday ranging from 16 to 23 degrees Celsius. A strong cold front will cross China's southern coast, bringing dry and cool weather to the territory: "Under the [⋯]

• 'Main culprits,' ignored complaints, and needed reforms: Takeaways from the independent probe into the Tai Po fire (2026-11-08 23:40)

Almost a year after a deadly blaze killed 168 people and left thousands homeless at Tai Po's Wang Fuk Court, an independent inquiry has produced a comprehensive report into the tragedy, identifying the "culprits," making wide-ranging recommendations, and mourning the lives lost. The two-volume report, spanning more than 1,000 pages, details the findings from an [⋯]

• Top US, China officials raise trade ‘concerns’ as APEC approaches (2026-11-08 05:26)

Top officials from Washington and Beijing held “frank” talks on their countries’ testy trade relationship on Friday, ahead of an Asia-Pacific summit in China this month where their leaders are due to meet. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer held a call with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng and discussed economic […]

• Taiwan says closes representative office in Papua New Guinea, blames China (2026-11-07 05:48)

Taiwan said Friday it has decided to close its representative office in Papua New Guinea and withdraw its staff, blaming Chinese coercion of the South Pacific nation for the decision. “In the future, we will allocate relevant resources to friendly nations and other regions with cooperative potential that warrant continued engagement, in order to further […]

• HKFP Lens: The Cathay Camera Club’s Monocolour Exhibition (2026-11-07 01:30)

The Cathay Camera Club has brought together 27 photographers for a new exhibition called Monocolour. “Twenty-seven photographers take a considered approach to capturing colour. The aim is to bring the viewer a deeper understanding of the historic, emotive, cultural, and pragmatic roles that colour plays in our everyday lives,” organisers said. The club was founded […]

• Court rejects ex-press union head Ronson Chan’s bid to take police obstruction appeal to top court (2026-11-07 00:00)

A Hong Kong court has rejected a former press union head’s bid to lodge a final appeal against his conviction for obstructing police, for which he was jailed for five days. Deputy High Court Judge Lily Wong on Friday refused to grant Ronson Chan, a former chair of the Hong Kong Journalists Association (HKJA), a […]

• Joshua Wong sentencing: Local gov’t, police, officials hail 10-year jail term amid condemnation from foreign gov’t’s, NGOs (2026-11-06 10:16)

Jailed Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong was sentenced to 10 years’ imprisonment on Thursday after pleading guilty to conspiring to collude with foreign forces, his second conviction under a Beijing-imposed national security law. See also: Joshua Wong sought leniency to be freed in his 30s, mitigation letter reveals HKFP rounds up local and international […]

• Security chief Chris Tang says gov’t will facilitate Wang Fuk Court fire anniversary events if ‘lawful’ (2026-11-06 08:44)

Authorities will assist people wishing to commemorate the victims of the Wang Fuk Court blaze on the tragedy’s anniversary later this month, on the condition that such activities are “lawful,” Hong Kong security chief Chris Tang has said. Tang made the remarks when

addressing reporters at an event on Thursday, some three weeks ahead of […]

• ‘6 years in jail has reshaped my view of life’: Joshua Wong sought leniency to be freed in his 30s, mitigation letter reveals (2026-11-06 07:44)

Jailed Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong has said in a mitigation letter submitted to court before his sentencing on Thursday that his six years in prison reshaped his outlook on life, asking for the utmost leniency so he could walk free in his thirties. High Court judge William Tam sentenced the activist to 10 years’ […]

• Au Kam San: The teacher-turned-lawmaker who called ‘bluntly’ for democracy in Macau (2026-11-06 06:30)

Former Macau lawmaker Au Kam San was once a leading figure in the Chinese casino hub’s fight for democracy, but will spend the next decade behind bars after he was found guilty on Friday of “subversion”. Au, who was sentenced to 12 years and six months in jail, was also accused of “building links with […]

• Police say linking mall cameras to AI facial recognition network complies with Hong Kong privacy laws (2026-11-06 04:47)

Equipping Hong Kong’s CCTV network with AI facial recognition software and connecting it to shopping mall security cameras would not breach local privacy laws, police have said. Police have said that the AI facial recognition feature will be added to the city’s SmartView surveillance system as early as this month, with four private shopping malls […]

• Hong Kong national security police arrest man over allegedly importing ‘seditious’ books (2026-11-06 04:13)

Hong Kong national security police have arrested a man over allegedly importing “seditious books” in the latest law enforcement action following a crackdown on independent bookstores earlier this year. Police said in a statement on Thursday that they had arrested a 34-year-old man in Mong Kok. He was suspected of “importing a publication that has […]

• Macau sentences ex-lawmaker to 12.5 years in first national security trial (2026-11-06 03:51)

A court in the Chinese territory Macau convicted on Friday ex-lawmaker and democracy campaigner Au Kam San of several offences including subversion, sentencing him to 12 years and six months in prison. Au, 69, is the first person convicted under national security laws widened in 2023 in Macau, the former Portuguese colony and casino hub […]

• Hong Kong installs HK$5m ‘anti-terrorism’ crash bollards outside Causeway Bay dep’t store (2026-11-06 01:25)

Hong Kong authorities have installed “anti-terrorism” collision bollards outside a department store in Causeway Bay, one of the city’s busiest shopping districts – a project with a HK$5

million price tag. The bollards, which were still wrapped in foam sheeting on Thursday morning, were initially proposed in January by the police, the Transport Department, and […]

• Elderly woman jailed for 20 days, fined HK$3,000 over slapping child in Kwun Tong mall (2026-11-05 23:12)

An elderly woman has been jailed for 20 days and fined HK$3,000 over a fight in a Kwun Tong shopping mall, in which she was filmed slapping a child. Leung Lai-ha and co-defendants Xu Yang and Ng Ka-wun appeared at Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts on Thursday. They faced charges of fighting in a public place […]

• 'Truly reflective of his offence': Police welcome 10-year prison sentence for activist Joshua Wong amid int'l outcry (2026-11-05 10:07)

The National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force has welcomed the 10-year prison sentence handed to Joshua Wong, saying that it was a "proper sentence" to reflect the offence committed. Steve Li, chief superintendent of the National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force, told reporters on Thursday outside the High Court […]

• China dismisses accusations of 'squeezing out' other economies (2026-11-05 07:35)

China's vice premier brushed off "completely unfounded" concerns that his country was "squeezing out" other economies as he opened a major business fair on Thursday aimed at enticing importers. The United States and European Union regularly accuse Beijing of heavily subsidising its industry and flooding foreign markets with its products, particularly in vehicle and green […]

• What the US midterms mean for ties with China (2026-11-05 06:30)

A sweeping victory for Democrats in US midterm elections this week, giving them control of Congress, presents both an opportunity and challenge for top rival China, analysts say. Here is how the outcome of the vote, which offers the Democratic Party the power to stymie President Donald Trump's maverick foreign policy, could impact the thorny […]

• Hong Kong lawmaker proposes digital ID checks for housing estate votes to combat bid-rigging (2026-11-05 05:08)

A Hong Kong lawmaker has suggested using a government-managed digital platform to verify property owners' identities when casting their ballots in estate meetings, a measure meant to help prevent unauthorised proxy voting. Lawmaker Christine Fong made the proposal at a Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting on Wednesday on combatting bid-rigging, an anti-competitive practice in the building […]

• Jailed Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong sentenced to 10 years over foreign collusion (2026-11-05 03:07)

Jailed Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiring to collude with foreign forces, his second conviction under a Beijing-imposed national security law. Wong, who turned 30 in jail last month, appeared calm on Thursday as his sentence was handed down at the High Court. [⋯]

• Tai Po fire: Former top official urges gov't to publish building inspection report to clear buyout doubts (2026-11-04 23:30)

A former top Hong Kong official has called on the government to release a structural inspection report of the fire-ravaged Wang Fuk Court to dispel the concerns of homeowners who have rejected the government's apartment buyback offer. Hong Kong's former secretary for transport and housing Anthony Cheung said in an op-ed published in Ming Pao [⋯]

• China seeks arrest of five Uyghurs held in Thailand: Bangkok (2026-11-04 10:02)

Five Uyghurs detained in Thailand since 2014 are subject to Chinese arrest warrants, the kingdom's security chief said Wednesday, adding that a court would decide if they would be returned to China. Human rights groups have raised concerns about the men — members of the Muslim minority group who activists say are persecuted in China [⋯]

• US President Donald Trump congratulates Democrats on midterms, says Iran war played role (2026-11-04 07:29)

President Donald Trump had rare praise for rival Democrats Tuesday after their stunning US midterm elections victory and admitted the Iran war may have played a part in the defeat of his Republican Party. But the 80-year-old refused to take any personal responsibility for the result that upends the final two years of his presidency, [⋯]

• Hong Kong records GDP rise of over 5% in first three quarters, marking strongest growth in 5 years (2026-11-04 04:46)

Hong Kong has seen a strong GDP increase of over 5 per cent in the third quarter of 2026, bringing the growth for the first nine months of the year to a five-year high. Driven by accelerating growth in exports and solid domestic demand, the city's GDP grew by 5.2 per cent in the third [⋯]

• Finance portal MoneySmart apologises after users' sensitive data accessed in IT system hack (2026-11-04 01:30)

Online finance portal MoneySmart told customers on Tuesday that became aware of a data breach last Thursday after hackers compromised its internal IT systems. "These systems hold personal data that customers share with us when they compare or apply for financial products through MoneySmart," it said, according to the email seen by HKFP on Tuesday. [⋯]

• Hong Kong BN(O) visa holders exempt from UK plan to double settlement wait to 10 years, but face tougher English requirement (2026-11-04 00:45)

Hong Kong BN(O) visa holders in the UK will be exempt from a proposal to double the qualifying period for settlement to ten years from 2027. On Monday, UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood laid out an immigration overhaul under which those on work visas would no longer automatically gain permanent residency after five years. Refugees [⋯]

Source: HKCERT security bulletins

- Adobe Monthly Security Update (November 2026) (2026-11-11 03:00)
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• 'One Stanley steel work different from approved plans' (2026-11-11 04:44)

Development minister Bernadette Linn said on Wednesday that the Buildings Department has found that steel reinforcement work at a house in a luxury residential development in Stanley did not match the approved plans. The investigation was carried out after the residence at One Stanley was alleged to be built with fewer steel bars than approved. “The Buildings Department has largely completed its investigation, and found that some wire mesh and steel configurations were inconsistent with the approved plans,” Linn said during a Legco meeting. “The discrepancies were never reported to the authorities.” She said the department will consult the Department of Justice on possible prosecution. Linn also said checks would be carried out elsewhere at the luxury development. “The Buildings Department has ordered random inspections for 15 other houses and 12 units at six residential blocks in the same housing estate, requiring the developer to appoint independent, accredited laboratories, and under the supervision of authorities, to carry out relevant tests.” She said enforcement actions will be taken if violations are found. In light of the case at One Stanley, the secretary for development said contractors will have to take photos or videos of steel reinforcement work prior to concrete pouring at projects, and submit the record to the authorities. She expects relevant measures to be implemented in phases by January, adding that discussions with the industry are currently under way. Edited by Edmond Fong

• Govt staff to get 12 hours of family care leave (2026-11-11 04:27)

Government employees will be able to leave work for a few hours at a time to look after family, under a new leave arrangement of up to 12 hours a year expected to start in January. Staff can use it to take a relative to a medical appointment, care for someone who is ill, attend a child's school activity, or deal with a sudden matter at home. In a paper submitted to a Legislative Council panel, the government said the leave would be taken in blocks of one to four hours, and unused hours cannot be carried over. In most cases, staff would only need to file a form with a reason beforehand, with no supporting documents required. If something crops up suddenly, they can get verbal approval first and submit the form afterwards. Approving officers could still ask for proof if they suspect abuse. The scheme was announced in this year's Policy Address and would be the fourth type of family-related leave for government employees. The Civil Service Bureau is still settling the details and will consult staff sides before it is rolled out. Since April 2024, more than 7,500 marriage-leave and 23,000 compassionate-leave applications have been approved. About 15,600 parental-leave applications have been approved since that leave began in April last year. Edited by Tony Sabine

• 'New light festivals must boost night economy' (2026-11-11 04:08)

Tourism representatives have welcomed the replacement of the city’s decades-old multimedia light show, but say the new light festivals taking its place must deliver a genuine boost to the night economy. A Symphony of Lights, a nightly fixture over Victoria Harbour for 22 years, will hold its final performance next Wednesday. It will be replaced by light festivals staged at various locations at different times of the year. Speaking on an RTHK radio programme on

Wednesday, Sara Leung, a consultant with the Federation of Hong Kong Trade Unions inTourism, said the long-running show may have grown stale for some residents and visitors. Shesaid change could be positive, noting that the tourism ecosystem is constantly evolving. "I thinkthe new show is a good concept because it will be hosted in different districts, which lets visitorsget to know Hong Kong better," she said. "But the most important thing is that whateverfireworks show or event you organise, it can drive business for the local districts and shops. Ithink that is the most meaningful thing." Leung added the harbour itself was a draw for visitorsand suggested authorities consider incorporating more local elements, such as restoring retiredfishing boats, to give it a new character. Meanwhile, lawmaker Perry Yiu, who previouslyrepresented the tourism functional constituency, said the show had helped draw attention toVictoria Harbour over the years, but a major overhaul would be costly and logistically difficultbecause it would involve dozens of buildings. He said different offerings, such as fireworks anddrone shows, could help make the harbour’s night scene unique and in turn boost catering,retail and the economy. "The most important thing is to spend little and get good results, havesustainability, be more distinctive, and incorporate different festivals and seasons with differentthemes, so people feel fresh each time. That is most important," he said. Edited by Tony Sabine

- 'Northern Link savings won't compromise quality' (2026-11-11 04:06)

The Northern Link’s lower cost estimate will not come at the expense of construction quality or safety, according to the Commissioner for Northern Metropolis Railways Raymond Ip. The government and the MTR on Tuesday signed the full Northern Link project agreement, and the Executive Council approved the financial arrangements for the second part of the plan. With both the main line and spur line now in construction, the project is estimated at HK$86.2 billion – 28 percent below the original forecast – and is set to launch by 2034. Speaking on an RTHK radio programme on Wednesday, Ip said the lower price tag came from changes to design, approval and construction methods. He said merging the main line and spur line into one project produced a "double reduction" effect: the spur line’s construction period was brought forward by two years, and overall costs fell by 28 percent. Ip also spoke about what he described as a well-established monitoring mechanism. "For example, over the past few years, we have optimised the project monitoring and communication platform. Between us and MTR Corporation, we have also strengthened monitoring and auditing," he said. "In addition, there are proactive reporting and early warning mechanisms. Furthermore, before commissioning, the relevant departments will also carry out what we call safe and sound testing and acceptance procedures." Ip added that a one-stop Railway Checking Unit and an electronic central approval platform cut the approval time of construction plans by 30 to 50 percent, while the Northern Metropolis Development Bill would further simplify procedures such as construction noise permit applications. Edited by Edmond Fong

- Exco green lights part two of the Northern Link (2026-11-10 14:08)

The government and the MTR Corporation on Tuesday signed the project agreement for the full Northern Link project, as the Executive Council approved the financial arrangement for the second part of the plan. Exco greenlit part one of the project in July last year. This means that the main line and the spur line – expected to be commissioned simultaneously by 2034 – have fully entered the construction stage. The cost is estimated to be about HK$54.8 billion for part two of the project, while the entire project is estimated to cost about HK$86.2 billion – 28 percent lower than the initial forecast, due to the shortened construction period and cost-saving benefits. Exco agreed to grant a total of eight sites located in Ngau Tam Mei Area, San Tin Area, Kwu Tung North Area and the proposed Au Tau New Development Area to the railway operator for residential and commercial development. A fixed lump sum will be deducted from the land premium of the sites to help fund the MTR in carrying out part two of the project. The railway operator, for its part, said the estimated capital cost for the Northern Link is the most expensive one among its works. It emphasised that it had been financially sound in recent years, and that it increased cash flow by issuing bonds. The MTR said it does not rule out the possibility of raising capital through ways other than bond issuance. Edited by Aaron Tam

- Operation Santa Claus unlocks HK's spirit of giving (2026-11-10 12:57)

Operation Santa Claus (OSC), a long-running annual fundraising campaign, officially launched on Tuesday to offer care and support for those in need across the city. Co-organised by RTHK and the South China Morning Post (SCMP), the fundraising event themed “Unlock the City’s Spirit of Giving” this year will support 13 local organisations that focus on serving children, the youth, elderly, people with disabilities, and mental health challenges in the community. At the launch ceremony, Director of Broadcasting Angelina Kwan noted the campaign has been helping people in need since 1988. “Through good times and difficult times, this campaign has continued. Year after year, people across our city have given their time, their energy and their support,” she said. “That consistency is what gives Operation Santa Claus its strong reputation in town.” “This city’s generosity has grown with each passing year, reaching hundreds of charitable projects and tens of thousands of lives,” Tammy Tam, SCMP's publisher said, noting that the generosity reached new heights last year when the deadly inferno at Wang Fuk Court occurred. “My deepest gratitude also goes to every donour. Whether you gave a little or a lot, you made this campaign what it is.” The launch ceremony featured a musical performance by singer Miriam Ma, along with young talents Yuet Ng and Yat Ng, to showcase how the smallest acts of courage and kindness can inspire the community. Edited by Aaron Tam

- Evening News on TV32 - Nov 10 (2026-11-10 12:33)

Top stories for Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026 - China's trade surplus exceeds one trillion US dollars for the second year in a row. - John Lee highlights Hong Kong's economic relationship with the UK. - The Tourism Board says the upcoming Hong Kong Winterfest will be the biggest ever.

- Sino-US forum held in HK ahead of Apec summit (2026-11-10 10:26)

Global leaders across various fields will gather in Hong Kong ahead of the Apec leaders' summit in Shenzhen to discuss how Sino-US relations can be reshaped in search of long-term stability and cooperation. The annual US-China Hong Kong Forum will be held between November 15 and 17. James Chau, president of the organisers China-United States Exchange Foundation, said dozens of speakers would be joining the event, including former vice foreign minister Cui Tiankai, members of the Nixon and Bush families from the US, and former Thailand prime minister Abhisit Vejjajiva. “Through this forum we also bring regional perspectives into the discussion," Chau said. "So we've got Asean, for example, represented by Thailand, but also by Singapore. The [Sino-US] relationship affects more than two countries, so there's always that temptation to look at our work simply through the bilateral lens of China and the United States. “I wish it was like that because it seems very tidy, neat and easy to follow. But, in fact, everything that these two countries do and don't do, what they think and what they consider, is going to impact over eight billion people all around the world.” More than 300 participants will take part in the open forum on the second day, among them a group of university students from around the world. “Having young people in the room who are 18 to 25 years old who come from phenomenal schools of public policy and who would have spent part of the private sessions with us and then into the public sessions, we want them to ask the very first question during the audience Q&A to keep those leaders on the stage very sharp,” Chau said. The Apec summit will be held on November 18-19 in Shenzhen. Edited by Edmond Fong

- 'A Symphony of Lights' to go out with a bang next week (2026-11-10 09:41)

The Tourism Board said a multimedia light show that has been a nightly fixture across Victoria Harbour for more than two decades will be performed one last time on November 18. Board chairman Peter Lam said on Tuesday it's time to bring the curtain down on "A Symphony of Lights", which has thrilled millions of locals and visitors alike since 2004. "A Symphony of Lights, which has accompanied us in Hong Kong for 22 years, will perform its final show... with added pyrotechnic elements to commemorate this meaningful moment," he said. "As for other light and projection shows, we will continue to roll them out gradually next year." Financial Secretary Paul Chan, who announced a string of initiatives in this year's budget to enhance the city's tourism appeal, has said the long-running show will be replaced by "light festivals across various locations at different times of the year". Meanwhile, Lam said revellers can look forward to Hong Kong WinterFest, which will run from November 18 to January 5. He said that the annual Christmas and New Year celebrations will be the biggest ever. Under "Winter Wonderland", three festive installations will go up in Central, Tsim Sha Tsui and Causeway Bay, including a 22-metre Christmas tree at Statue Square Gardens. The traditional New Year's Eve countdown will culminate in a fireworks display over Victoria Harbour. There will also be shopping and dining discounts. Edited by Edmond Fong

- HK five-year plan offers UK long-term prospects: CE (2026-11-10 08:31)

Chief Executive John Lee on Tuesday said Hong Kong’s first five-year plan offered long-term prospects for UK companies, investors, and institutions and reinforced the city’s role as a

bridge between China and the world. In a speech delivered at the British Chamber ofCommerce, Lee pointed to the scale of the existing UK-Hong Kong economic relationship, notingthat 770 British companies had a presence in the city last year, up seven percent year on year.Merchandise trade between the two places reached nearly US$20 billion last year, up 26percent over 2024, while the UK ranked fourth in inward direct investment into Hong Kong andsixth in outward direct investment from the city at the end of 2024. "Those numbers reflect thestrong ties between us. They also underline the continuing confidence British companies andinvestors have in Hong Kong," he said. Lee said the city's inaugural blueprint reinforced HongKong’s "four centres and one hub" – its status as an international financial, shipping and tradecentre, its development into an international innovation and technology centre and its role as ahub for high-calibre talent. He also identified the Northern Metropolis as a key growth engineunder the plan and as a way to deepen Hong Kong’s participation in the Greater Bay Area – acluster of some 88 million people with a combined GDP comparable to the world’stenth-largest economy. The project, adjacent to Shenzhen, will include three university townsspanning more than 1,000 hectares, with 300 hectares dedicated to campuses and theremainder to technology, industry, residential and recreational development. Lee invited UKcompanies, investors, universities and research institutions to explore opportunities there in lifeand health technology, AI, robotics and microelectronics. He also noted that Hong Kong’s fiveuniversities rank among the world’s top 100, and said the time was ripe to expandpost-secondary collaboration with the UK. He pointed to a recent London talent showcase – partof three UK events that together drew more than 4,500 visits – as reflecting British interest incareer opportunities in Hong Kong. Lee stressed the complementary nature of the UK-HongKong relationship, citing shared financial standards and different time zones. "With our similarfinancial standards, and different time zones – one of us is on the day shift, while the other is onthe night shift, covering the whole clock together," he said. "Complementarity has long beenone of the reasons you have confidence in the flourishing future we're building together."Edited by Tony Sabine

- Minibus driver arrested for alleged drug driving (2026-11-10 07:47)

A 44-year-old minibus driver was arrested on suspicion of drug driving on Tuesday after a rapid oral fluid test indicated he had taken methamphetamine before operating the vehicle. Acting on intelligence, officers from the Kowloon East traffic headquarters' enforcement and control division mounted a targeted operation, focusing on a driver operating a green minibus route between Yau Tong and the Anderson public transport terminus. Police intercepted the minibus and escorted seven passengers off the vehicle before conducting an oral fluid screening test on the driver. Preliminary investigations found he had consumed meth before driving, resulting in his immediate arrest. "This type of behaviour is not merely a violation, but poses a serious threat to the lives of passengers and other road users," senior inspector Poon Chun-ho said. He said drivers who knowingly take drugs that impair judgement and reaction but still operate public transport are placing the safety of every passenger at extreme risk, with potentially catastrophic consequences. The driver has been denied bail and is due to appear at Kwun Tong

Magistrates' Courts on Wednesday. The operation followed the arrest of three other minibusand taxi drivers on suspicion of drug driving in June. Poon said two of them have since beenconvicted, with one slapped with a two-month jail term and a driving ban of two years and theother sentenced to four months in prison and receiving a five-year driving ban. The third driverhas been released on bail pending trial. Edited by Tony Sabine

- 'SZ, HK should join hands to grow external trade' (2026-11-10 07:37)

As Shenzhen's maritime logistics industry has taken off in recent years, a senior official at one of the world's busiest container terminals said Hong Kong still had much to offer as the nation forges closer ties with the world. Yantian Port, in eastern Shenzhen, is a vital gateway between the nation's manufacturing engine and global markets. It handles more than one-third of Guangdong's foreign trade and a quarter of the country's container exports to the United States. According to the Shenzhen municipal government, the deep-water port handled 16.1 million TEUs, or twenty-foot equivalent units, in 2025, representing a 7.1 percent year-on-year increase. Lawrence Shum, managing director of Yantian, a subsidiary of Hutchison Ports, said the terminal operates nearly 100 international routes on a weekly basis. Fifty-three of those routes are linked to Apec economies. "Since the start of this year, we have added 14 new routes to and from Apec economies, further expanding our international network and fostering regional trade," he said. "According to the customs figures, Shenzhen continues to lead the country in both imports and exports to Apec economies. We even set a record in the first nine months of this year, with a trade value of 3.23 trillion yuan, a 40 percent jump." Shenzhen is the host of this year's Apec leaders' summit scheduled for November 18 and 19. Shum explained that Yantian had a unique advantage over other Shenzhen ports when handling shipments from inland regions. "Yantian houses Shenzhen's only railway that reaches directly into the port area. Through sea rail intermodal transport, port services can be extended to inland regions such as the southwest and central areas, making it more convenient for enterprises in Chengdu and Chongqing and bringing them closer to international markets," he said. Under Shenzhen's 15th Five-Year Plan, Yantian is to strengthen cooperation with Hong Kong's Kwai Tsing Container Terminals. Shum said six daily vessel trips between the two ports mean cargo can arrive at its destination in about six to eight hours. "For inland foreign trade enterprises, transportation time can be more stable, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly. Shenzhen and Hong Kong can further tap into inland cargo trade ... and achieve a win win for the three regions," Shum said. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Covid booster uptake stalls among high-risk groups (2026-11-10 06:55)

The Hong Kong Doctors Union warned that the city’s Covid-19 booster programme is losing momentum, citing low uptake among older adults and high-risk groups and limited access to vaccines in the community. According to the latest statistics from the Centre for Health Protection, only 717 Covid-19 booster doses were administered last month. Over the past 12 months, a total of 47,828 Covid-19 vaccines were administered in Hong Kong, said Ivan Hung, chair of infectious diseases and vaccinology in the department of medicine at the University of

Hong Kong. Of these, 46,119 went to people aged 50 or above. Based on a population of about3.62 million in that age range, the doses equate to only about 1.27 percent – reflecting a lowvaccination rate among older adults. A questionnaire by the union found that 79 percent of the300 doctors surveyed considered vaccination among older adults unsatisfactory. Nearly 40percent said they did not proactively remind patients about Covid-19 jabs, while almost 60percent of these doctors cited not having vaccines on hand. Hung warned that Hong Kong hasannual Covid-19 seasonality and that the disease should not be taken lightly. "We expect thenext surge to happen in probably a year's time, and when the antibodies drop to a low level,then there will be another surge of Covid," he said. Hung pointed to data from the centreshowing that there had been more than 170 severe cases or deaths in the recent period,describing the figure as large for high-risk individuals. He said access is a key barrier. Only 58public vaccination points, the union noted, remain at present and just 18 private clinics aredesignated Covid-19 vaccination stations, compared with the more than 1,000 private clinicsoffering flu jabs under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme. Many people think Covid-19 is arelatively mild disease, Hung said, but high-risk groups do need boosters every six months. Theunion called for routine Covid-19 vaccine supplies under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme,one-stop flu and Covid-19 jabs at family doctor clinics, and stronger public education. Hungstressed the importance of making the process simple, especially for older adults. "The currentvaccination programme could be similar to that of the flu vaccination; that means that if youwant to get a Covid-19 booster, then you don't need to get registered online," he said. "We justsimply walk into a general practice and get vaccinated, similar to that of the flu shot, and thecriteria for getting a Covid-19 shot should be similar to that of the flu shot, then that makesthings easier for both the doctors and the older adults." Medical professionals urged prioritygroups to receive updated vaccines on time to maintain immune protection, with such groupsincluding the elderly, those with chronic diseases, those who are expecting and healthcareworkers. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Balmy weather set to overtake cool spell later in week (2026-11-10 04:45)

The Observatory recorded a low of 17.5 degrees Celsius in urban areas on Tuesday morning – the lowest since autumn began this year. Acting senior scientific officer Lam Hok-yin said the city was being affected by relatively strong northerly winds. "When it's windy, body heat is easily blown away, so it feels colder," he said. "Everyone's constitution is different – so when it's windy and cold, we urge people to put on an extra layer before heading out." Lam said Wednesday morning would still be relatively cool, with urban temperatures around 18 degrees and the New Territories at least one or two degrees lower. But with sunny and dry weather, daytime temperatures may rise to around 25 degrees and should climb further later in the week, he pointed out. Looking ahead to winter, he said under the influence of global warming and the super El Niño, Hong Kong's temperatures are very likely to be normal to above normal, with more rainfall than usual. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Safety expert urges new layer to lift system checks (2026-11-10 04:29)

An elevator-safety adviser has urged improvements to the city's three-tier inspection process after 720 lifts were found to be missing fire-resistant door frame components. Maxine Yao, a member of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department's lifts and escalators safety advisory committee, made the call after Taizoom Elevator was ordered to complete remedial works by the middle of November for two public housing estates and within two to three months for the private buildings. The department's order followed the discovery that about 90 percent of lifts installed by Taizoom lacked the required door frame parts. Speaking on an RTHK radio programme on Tuesday, Yao called the number of lifts involved shocking and said the current process for issuing use or resumption permits could be improved in light of the findings. Under the existing three-tier system, a registered lift contractor carries out a self-inspection, a registered engineer performs an independent thorough examination and the department's engineers then conduct an on-site re-inspection and functional testing. The city has long relied on an integrity-based system, Yao said, arguing that the mechanism could be strengthened with an additional step. "This system has indeed been effective all along, except that in the whole industry this time two engineers of Taizoom had problems. If you ask whether we need to do better, I agree," she said. "I have said I hope the department can introduce independent third-party inspection to add one more step in the middle tier to ensure public safety." Yao also welcomed the department's proposal to expand the digital video and photographic log-book system – currently used to record work details for lifts and escalators – to cover lift upgrades and replacements. "The department has found that since we already have such a good system and platform, why not update it to include upgrading and replacing lifts too in response to public demand," she said. "I think that is a very proactive plan." Yao noted the system was still awaiting updates and said she hoped the department would complete the upgrade before the end of the year to prevent similar incidents from happening again. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Contractors get non-compliance notice over MTR project (2026-11-09 14:20)

The MTR Corporation said on Monday that it had issued a non-compliance notice to the contractors in charge of the Tung Chung West station construction. This came after around 30 columns there were found to be substandard. The railway operator said that it is strictly following up on the mistakes by the relevant contractors, the way they handled the matter and issues over responsibilities. The company is now awaiting a comprehensive report from contractors, along with a remedial proposal. The MTR said it attaches great importance towards railway projects' supervision and work quality, and it will continue to carry out inspections as well as adopt other monitoring measures to ensure quality. The firm will continue to maintain close contact with relevant government departments to ensure that the safety and quality of the works meet the contractual standards during construction and upon completion. It added that it will fully cooperate with the government to probe the incident, and submit a report on time on the cause, remedial plan, as well as the follow-up actions with contractors. The MTR reiterated that it will not tolerate any substandard engineering practices, and it will seriously follow up on the matter. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Evening News on TV32 - Nov 9 (2026-11-09 12:32)

Top stories for Monday, Nov 9, 2026 - China denies spying on Nvidia chief Jensen Huang. - Dozens are trapped as Ocean Park's observation tower breaks down again. - Seven people die in a train collision in Egypt.

• TDC expects over 3k participants at annual IP forum (2026-11-09 10:43)

More than 3,000 participants are expected to join an annual forum held by the Trade Development Council to exchange ideas on intellectual property (IP) development and hunt for business opportunities. The Business of IP Asia Forum will be staged at the Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai on November 19 and 20. Themed “Powering Commercial Success Through IP and Innovation”, the council’s associate executive director Silas Chu said nearly 100 speakers will discuss how IP and innovation can be used to build competitive advantages and draw capital investments, among others. He said that for the first time, the forum will include a new chapter centred on IP commercialisation that aims to better help enterprises manage their IP. “Previously in the BIP Asia forum, we may be focusing more on creative IP,” Chu said. “But as Hong Kong moves towards the goal of becoming an international I&T centre, we are increasingly seeing a lot of interesting development, especially in the area of AI, in the area of life science and all those deep tech. There will be surging demand as a result.” A startup from the Education University, which is pioneering their AI-enabled storytelling robot to help with students’ learning, is joining the forum. Its director Hades Ho said he hopes to talk to potential clients and experts on how to expand the use of their project. “Now our robot is mainly focused on the education aspect. But to be honest, this robot can [be] used in other aspects, for example, we have some further research on elderly, how to use this robot on elderly,” he said. The Entrepreneur Day that features more than 370 startups and innovation projects across 14 countries and regions, will be held alongside the two-day forum, allowing companies that have just kick-started their operations to conduct business matching and to help them expand. Edited by Aaron Tam

• 40 stranded in mid-air as Ocean Park Tower ride stalls (2026-11-09 10:13)

Dozens of visitors had to be rescued from Ocean Park's observation tower ride on Monday afternoon, after the cabin malfunctioned and stopped mid-air. The 72-metre-tall sightseeing tower is believed to have been brought to a halt by a breakdown, with the Fire Services Department saying it had been alerted to the incident at around 3.30pm. Ocean Park staff used a backup stairwell to evacuate roughly 40 people trapped, while one person who reported feeling unwell was taken to the ground by a firefighter. The director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Poon Kwok-ying, said the department would investigate the incident to determine the cause. This is the second incident involving the ride in slightly over a year, with the tower attraction also brought to a halt in May 2025, when its safety mechanism was triggered. Passengers were stranded for nearly two hours at that time. The tower, located about 200 metres above sea level, sits on Nam Long Shan and offers panoramic views of Deep Water Bay. Edited by Raymond Yeung

• EMSD orders Taizoom to fix 720 non-compliant lifts (2026-11-09 09:39)

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has ordered Taizoom Elevator Company (HK) Limited to complete repairs at two Tenants Purchase Scheme estates by mid-November and to finish remedial work on the remaining private-building lifts within two to three months. EMSD Director Poon Kwok-ying said 720 lifts installed by Taizoom – about 90 percent of the total – had not been fitted with door-frame components required by law. These include lifts in 11 blocks across two Tenants Purchase Scheme estates and in another 338 private buildings. Poon said about 900 lifts in 480 buildings installed by other registered lift contractors had been sampled and inspected, and all were confirmed to have the required door-frame components installed. He said preliminary evidence showed that Taizoom was suspected of serious negligence and misconduct in lift works, and the EMSD will continue its investigation. Poon said a report was made to the police on October 16 because the incident is suspected to involve criminal acts of fraud and providing false statements. The police are conducting a criminal investigation. Citing a fire consultant’ s assessment, Poon said the vast majority of the lifts lacking door-frame components were old-style lifts that had been in operation for more than 30 to 50 years, and the buildings concerned were completed before 1990. “At that time, the requirement for landing doors was 60 minutes of fire resistance, and there was no requirement for specific door-frame components,” he said. “The new door panels installed by Taizoom passed the fire-resistance test under BS 476, Part 22, to a rating of at least 120 minutes. So, even without the missing frame components, the overall level of fire safety after the new panels were installed is not lower than it was before. “Nevertheless, failing to install the required components is still unlawful. The EMSD has instructed Taizoom to carry out remedial work on the lifts in the affected buildings as soon as possible. Taizoom must pay all associated costs.” The department has launched a comprehensive review and examination covering new lift installation and major alteration works, inspection and maintenance, and the registration regulation and approval system under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. It will also strengthen inspections and sampling, use digital records for works, and apply technology to enhance the overall quality of lift works. The review is expected to be completed before the end of this year. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Non-binding motions to come with research data: Legco (2026-11-09 09:07)

The Legislative Council on Monday said that from next year, members must submit their research findings and relevant suggestions when they table a non-binding motion. Speaking at a luncheon attended by Chief Executive John Lee, the Executive Council and government officials, Legco President Starry Lee said the move was to make public policy discussions more " scientific". "This will help the government and public better understand the intent and rationale of the motions, as well as for the public to understand debates in the chamber," she said. According to Legco's website, members can move motions "not intended to have legislative effect" to express their views on issues of public concern, or call on the government to take certain actions. Lee also pledged to continue supporting the administration in improving its governance efficacy by providing policy recommendations. "The Legislative Council and its

committees have so far conducted 21 local surveys on various topics. In the future, Legco willconduct more site inspections and strengthen policy advocacy capabilities," Lee said. "I willwork with the Legco Secretariat, and I also welcome the participation of members, to regularlyselect important issues for site visits, with the aim to come up with solid recommendations forthe SAR Government, Legco committees and society to follow up." She added that the LegcoSecretariat has been using technology and big data to make the chamber more public-friendly.Recapping the legislature's work, Lee said more than HK$130 billion of funding requests hadbeen approved so far this year, with approximately one third of those funds going to projects inthe Northern Metropolis. She said the Northern Metropolis Development Bill would resume itssecond reading on Wednesday, after a committee worked overtime to complete itsdeliberations. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Ta Kwu Ling new town to welcome residents by 2035 (2026-11-09 04:43)

Residents and businesses at Ta Kwu Ling could start to move out from mid-2028 to facilitate the redevelopment of the area into a commercial and industrial zone, the government said. The Development Bureau added it would "actively utilise market forces" to speed up the border town's development, which could welcome the first batch of residents from 2035. Under the Northern Metropolis blueprint, the Ta Kwu Ling New Development Area, which spans 1,175 hectares, is to be developed in phases due to its sheer scale. A priority development area has been earmarked adjacent to the Heung Yuen Wai border control point, which began operating in 2020. In a document submitted to the North District Council, the bureau said the priority development area would be expanded by 21 percent to 250 hectares. A university town within the priority development area would now occupy 75 hectares, compared with 30 hectares previously. The bureau said that in response to public views, about seven hectares would be reserved for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts to build a secondary campus. Land earmarked specifically for industries would shrink from 64 to 19 hectares, as some businesses are expected to be incorporated into the university town. As a result of the adjustments, the priority development area is now envisaged to provide 13,000 to 14,000 new flats, down from 17,000 to 19,000. They will house an expected population of 34,000 to 37,000, down from 45,000 to 49,000. The priority development area will provide roughly 27,000 new jobs, compared to the previous estimate of 47,000. "According to the current plan, land acquisition and demolition work will commence in the second quarter of 2028, with land levelling works starting in the fourth quarter of the same year," the bureau said. "The first batch of land [including part of the Ta Kwu Ling University Town campus site] is expected to be completed no earlier than 2030, while the first batch of new residents is expected to move in gradually starting in 2035." The government pledged to provide resettlement, compensation and assistance to residents and businesses, who are expected to move out from the second quarter of 2028. Officials will solicit views from district councillors on expediting the priority development area's transformation at a meeting on Tuesday. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Hong Kong must widen surgical robotics access: FS (2026-11-09 04:32)

Financial Secretary Paul Chan has urged the surgical robotics industry to move beyond proving technical precision and focus on widening access to care, as Hong Kong seeks to become a global hub for medical-device innovation. Speaking at the inaugural Surgical Futures Forum organised by Hong Kong-based surgical robotics company Cornerstone Robotics, Chan said the field had spent 25 years proving its technical capability. The next task, he said, was to broaden access so more surgeons could use robotic systems and more patients could benefit. "Design and cost remain major barriers. Today's mainstream systems are built for the best-resourced hospitals. Their price, their footprint and their training requirements limit where they can be installed and how widely they can be used," he said. "That helps explain why global penetration remains below five percent. If we believe innovation should serve humanity, progress in surgical robotics must mean more than better technology — it must mean reaching more patients because behind these barriers are countless people still waiting to benefit." Chan said the clearest sign of momentum came in September, when global medtech company Medtronic announced a strategic investment of about US$700 million in Cornerstone Robotics and secured distribution rights for Cornerstone’s surgical system in selected international markets. He described the commitment from a global medical-technology leader as a powerful endorsement of Hong Kong’s innovation sector. "This partnership shows that technology developed here can earn the confidence of industry leaders and, through collaboration, reach international markets," he said, calling it a milestone for both companies and another example of Hong Kong innovation going global. The finance chief also cited a Hong Kong-developed robotic platform now installed at a leading surgical training centre in Strasbourg, France, as evidence that the city’s medtech sector is ready to train surgeons from around the world. Beyond individual companies, he pitched Hong Kong as an end-to-end support system for medical-device innovation, spanning long-term patient capital, biotech fundraising, regulation, clinical data and cross-boundary trials. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Man dies after being hit by bus in North Point (2026-11-09 03:04)

Police said a man in his forties has died after being hit by a bus in North Point on Monday. Officers received a report at around 8am that a Citybus travelling east along King’s Road had struck a male pedestrian at the junction with Tin Chong Street. The man was unconscious when taken to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Some lanes of King’s Road heading towards Chai Wan were closed following the accident, but all lanes have since been reopened. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Police flag the use of AI by criminals (2026-11-09 01:55)

Police are warning that more criminals are making use of artificial intelligence to carry out technology-related crimes, leading to a rise in ransomware cases in the first three quarters of this year. The number of these kinds of cases rose by 18 percent year-on-year to 40 during the period. Despite this, there was an overall dip of 12 percent in the number of tech crimes to 21,573 cases, along with a 15 percent drop in total losses that stood at almost HK$3.9 billion. Chief Superintendent Raymond Lam from the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau

noted that agentic AI – autonomous AI systems that execute tasks with minimal humansupervision – was widely adopted by criminals to path the attack kill chains in order to carry outhack attacks. "They may be used in that kind of cyberattack, like system scanning, vulnerabilityscanning, penetration, etc," he said. "Indeed, we understand that the use of AI, they obviouslyincreased the speed of attack, the volume, and the intrusiveness, so that the attack will be moreeffective." Police officials believe criminals have scaled up their reconnaissance and phishingattacks before initiating ransomware attacks using AI. The growing trend highlighted theimportance of Hong Kong police collaborating with both mainland authorities and Interpol, asthe rapid evolution of AI poses a challenge to law enforcement. To meet the challenge, the SARjoined Interpol's first year-long AI-powered cyber operation targeting potential phishing andfraudulent links. Using an AI-analysis engine, created by Hong Kong police, which can analyse awebsite's features, such as its domain and the technical infrastructure, officers can take downor block sites that are deemed risky, before the links reach more people. EnriqueHernandez-Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Cybercrime Operations at Interpol's CybercrimeDirectorate said such intelligence was shared with 47 jurisdictions. As a result, among theroughly 57,000 links that were investigated in the campaign, about 90 percent of them havebecome inaccessible. "Hong Kong has information about malicious domains or victims thatmay be located in other countries," he said. "Using Interpol's channel, we put thatinformation in the outlets of these countries, so they can take action." The second phase of theoperation – featuring the involvement of more than 20 jurisdictions across five continents – waslaunched last month. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Evening News on TV32 - Nov 8 (2026-11-08 12:30)

Top stories for Sunday, Nov 8, 2026 - Paul Chan says the government will boost high-value tourism. - Officials demand answers over building defects found at a future MTR station. - Poland begins two days of mourning following a deadly mass shooting.

- New buildings body to recruit about 90 staff: Linn (2026-11-08 08:05)

Secretary for Development Bernadette Linn said the Building Maintenance Support and Services Council plans to recruit around 90 people in the initial phase. The government announced the formation of the new body in the wake of the deadly Wang Fuk Court fire last year, and it aims to help homeowners with building maintenance and renovation works. The council will be set up by the end of the year, offering a paid service to handle tendering and evaluation on their behalf. Speaking on a TV programme on Sunday, Linn said the new staff will include professionals, technical staff, as well as support and administrative personnel. "We want to begin recruitment now so that new hires can be onboard as quickly as possible, and the goal is to have all these staff join in phases and be fully in place between the beginning and the middle of next year." On whether to adopt the two-envelope approach for projects – which assesses the technical aspects and the price separately – the development minister said that could apply to more complex projects. And she doesn't believe it would raise the price tag. "The two-envelope system mainly depends on the weighting which is predetermined, and ultimately,

quality is guaranteed, and it won't drive up prices as a result." Linn noted that penalties andspot checks would be strengthened, and will not rule out the possibility of introducing a demeritpoints system in the future. Separately, she said more than 1,000 training-related applicationshad been approved under the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund as of September.The government established the fund in 2018, entrusting the Construction Industry Council tofinance construction technology training programmes for companies and organisations. Writingin a blog post, Linn said the total funding amount reached HK$50 million, benefiting more than400 companies and organisations. She noted that more than 4,500 people have enrolled incourses offered by the Construction Industry Council over the past three years. Thedevelopment chief stressed her bureau will continue to promote local training and drive the useof technology to raise overall construction productivity. Edited by Edmond Fong

- Three hurt after hit by landing paraglider (2026-11-08 07:29)

Three people were injured on Sunday after being struck by a paraglider that was trying to land at the Ngong Ping campsite at Ma On Shan Country Park. Police said they received a report shortly after 12.30pm from a 42-year-old woman, who said she had been knocked down by a paraglider piloted by a man. Her son and another youngster, aged 14 and 15 respectively, were also hit. Officers said the trio sustained head and back injuries and were airlifted by the Government Flying Service to hospital for treatment. Edited by Edmond Fong

- Govt to boost high-value tourism and Mice (2026-11-08 05:17)

Financial Secretary Paul Chan on Sunday said the government would continue to support the growth of high-value tourism alongside the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (Mice) industry. Writing in his weekly blog, Chan noted that Hong Kong had been buzzing with major events over the past week, including financial summits and international exhibitions. He highlighted the three-day inaugural "Festival of Connoisseurs", which showcased an array of luxury goods such as supercars, yachts and jewellery, noting that it drew over 3,000 visitors from around the world. Citing industry research, Chan said visitors attending international exhibitions spend an average of HK$9,300 per person, which is 70 percent higher than a typical overnight tourist. The research, he said, also estimated that the exhibition industry contributed over HK$50 billion to Hong Kong’ s economy in 2024 and created around 67,000 full-time jobs. Chan said the government would continue to vigorously promote mega events across different fields and improve supporting facilities. The Tourism Board, he added, would also continue to work with the industry to tailor more unique experiences and services for high-value visitors. Looking ahead, Chan noted that Hong Kong's capacity for large-scale Mice events would expand by more than 40 percent upon the completion of Phase 2 of AsiaWorld-Expo and the Wan Chai North redevelopment project. Edited by Tony Sabine

- DOJ eyes closer ties with legal sector for global push (2026-11-08 03:57)

Secretary for Justice Paul Lam on Sunday said the government hoped to work closely with the legal sector to help practitioners better navigate the changing international environment and

strengthen external exchanges. Speaking on a Commercial Radio programme, Lam stressed thatcollaboration was a central theme of this year’s Legal Week, which concluded on Friday,demonstrating the government's drive to take the initiative. "The Department of Justice oftenplays a leading role. We hope that more of our local friends from the legal sector willparticipate, understand the latest environment, and make new connections — whether fromthe mainland or overseas. Internally, we must collaborate, but more importantly, we need tocollaborate with partners outside Hong Kong," he said. For Hong Kong to truly live up to itsreputation as an international legal centre, the justice secretary stressed the SAR needs tostrengthen relationships with external legal institutions and engage in more directcommunication. Describing it as “symbolic”, Lam noted that the International Institute forthe Unification of Private Law held its centenary celebration in Hong Kong during Legal Weekwhile concurrently hosting the opening ceremony for its Asia-Pacific Liaison Office. He stressedthat Hong Kong secured the institution's first office outside its seat in Rome in its 100-yearhistory with the country's support. He added that Hong Kong played an important role inhelping the nation promote a fairer, and rules-based international order. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Substandard columns found at MTR site in Tung Chung (2026-11-08 00:35)

The Buildings Department on Saturday said it had found dozens of substandard columns at the MTR station that is currently under construction in Tung Chung West. Around 30 such columns were identified by the registered structural engineers (RSE) working on the project. The department asked that the RSE submit an investigation report and propose remedial measures by the middle of this month. The department will review these submissions, continue to monitor the situation closely, and oversee the necessary corrective works to ensure that all construction meets the relevant safety and quality standards. In response to media questions, the department indicated that it had identified the issues during a routine site inspection and quality audit on the 27th of last month. Upon confirming that two concrete columns were substandard, the department said it immediately instructed the RSE team and the Registered Contractor to conduct a comprehensive investigation and carry out corrective works as soon as possible. The MTR Corporation has since ordered a suspension of relevant construction activities. As part of standard procedures, the RSE’s supervision team carried out further inspections following the progressive removal of the concrete work, uncovering similar defects in additional concrete columns; these findings were reported to the department last Tuesday. The department further stated that, as the temporary supports for the floor slab had not yet been removed, the identified concrete defects posed no risk to the structural integrity of the station. These temporary supports may only be removed once a team of registered structural engineers was satisfied with the relevant works. The department said all such procedures were carried out in accordance with the approved plans while its staff had conducted routine inspections of the site. A preliminary review by the department revealed no evidence of intentional deviation from the approved plans, nor had it found any instances where the follow-up actions taken by the personnel in charge violated relevant codes or regulations.

Edited by Tony Sabine

• Evening News on TV32 - Nov 7 (2026-11-07 12:33)

Top stories for Saturday, Nov 7, 2026 - Chief Executive John Lee calls on young people to be curious and courageous, and shine on the global stage. - An infectious diseases expert says the cooler weather could extend the flu season and lead to more serious cases. - Pope Leo begins his tour of South America.

• Health gear firms set to be not left to own devices (2026-11-07 11:07)

The Health Bureau said it is striving to introduce a medical devices bill next year to replace the current voluntary administrative regulatory regime. In a paper submitted to the Legislative Council, it said a dual-track regulatory model covering both pre-market and post-market risk management would be adopted for medical devices. This includes the implementation of a registration system and a licensing system for traders to ensure that medical devices supplied in Hong Kong meet safety and quality standards. The paper states that the proposed registration system would primarily involve classifying different types of medical devices by risk levels. Some general devices and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices must be registered with the Department of Health before they can be launched on the Hong Kong market. These include hypodermic needles, vision-correction contact lenses, urine test strips and self-test blood glucose reagents. Local manufacturers, importers and wholesalers of medical devices must obtain the relevant licences before supplying the products in Hong Kong. The new mechanism will also require traders to report medical device-related incidents, such as incidents that pose a public health threat or may lead to death or a serious deterioration in health, and to take remedial measures that meet the department's requirements. The authorities stressed that the aim is to enhance regulatory oversight and mitigate the consequences of such incidents. The legislative proposals will be discussed in a health services panel meeting on Friday. Edited by Azam Khan

• France's Gehri, Russia's Isakova win HK triathlon leg (2026-11-07 10:22)

France's Nils Serre Gehri produced a dramatic late surge to win the men's individual title at the World Triathlon Cup Hong Kong on Saturday, while Russia's Diana Isakova continued her strong run of form by claiming the women's race. Gehri, who won the U23 title in Pontevedra, Spain, in September, clocked 50 minutes and 14 seconds. He overtook Australia's Callum McClusky right at the finish line to seal the victory, with Spain's David Castro Fajardo rounding out the podium in third. Hong Kong, China's Nicholas Tsang finished 58th in 54 minutes and 44 seconds. In the women's race, Isakova arrived in Hong Kong fresh from a World Cup win in Rome and made it back-to-back victories, finishing in 55 minutes and 39 seconds. Luxembourg's Jeanne Lehair took second, followed by Huang Anqi of the national team. Hilda Choi was the top finisher among Hong Kong triathletes in 37th place, with Cade Wright 39th and Bailee Brown 50th. The roughly 24-kilometre course began along the Central and Wan Chai waterfront, with athletes opening with a 750-metre swim in Victoria Harbour. They then tackled

an 18.5-kilometre bike leg past Expo Drive, the International Finance Centre and the CentralPiers before closing with a five-kilometre run to the finish line on Lung Wo Road. The mixedteam relay is scheduled for Sunday. Edited by Azam Khan

• Three arrested over HK$4m craft beer scam (2026-11-07 10:06)

Two men and a woman have been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud in connection with an alleged scheme that induced people to invest in craft beer machines. The suspects, aged between 46 and 54, were said to have held the roles of company director, office person-in-charge and investor recruiter, police said. An investigation found that the alleged criminal syndicate began operating last November by luring people into investing in craft beer machines on the promise of high returns. The syndicate are alleged to have claimed that the machines would be rented out on the mainland and that the annual return rate would reach 60 percent, according to police. Officers said the syndicate held investment seminars and took prospective investors to its office to sample beer. It would initially pay returns to investors but later stopped. Police said the syndicate had no operations in Hong Kong and that some of the invested funds were found to have been transferred to personal accounts. So far, police have contacted six victims whose losses amounted to more than HK$4 million. Edited by Azam Khan

• Govt rebuts ten-nation statement on Wong case (2026-11-07 09:49)

The government on Saturday expressed strong dissatisfaction with and firm opposition to a joint statement by ten countries on the sentencing of Joshua Wong for conspiracy to commit collusion, saying it distorted facts and smeared the SAR. A government spokesman said the statement by the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and New Zealand disregarded facts, interfered with the SAR's independent judicial power, and urged the countries to stop interfering in Hong Kong matters, which are purely China's internal affairs. Wong pleaded guilty to conspiracy to collude with foreign countries or external elements to endanger national security, and the court sentenced him independently on the evidence, the spokesperson said. "Attempting to distort criminal judgments handed down in accordance with the law into actions targeting 'political expression' or 'political participation' is purely political manipulation deliberately intended to confuse the public and distort right and wrong," the spokesman said. "Hong Kong is a society underpinned by the rule of law. The HKSAR Government has been consistently fulfilling its constitutional duty to safeguard national security in accordance with the law, upholding the principles that laws must be observed and strictly enforced to bring offenders to account." Edited by Altis Wong

• Proxy votes loom large in building management law fix (2026-11-07 08:29)

Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs Alice Mak said Hong Kong would strengthen provisions for proxy-vote checks and continue to study a cap on such votes following the end of a second round of consultations on Building-Management Ordinance amendments. The public consultation, she said on Saturday, drew 500 responses, with more than half expressing reservations about a proposed cap on proxy votes. "If we set a cap of 20, then when proxy votes

are submitted to an owners’ corporation and it receives 22, how can it determine which is the21st or 22nd? How should the verification be carried out at submission?" Mak said. "Should it becounted by the time of its submission to the management office or by the time the personsigned the proxy form? So there are some practical difficulties, and we understand this." Maksaid the government would continue to study the cap and related issues, including who couldbe appointed as a proxy, and would explore electronic proxy appointments as a way toovercome operational difficulties. "For the whole proxy-vote system, we must ensure, in thedirection of our amendments, the system is not abused and that proxy votes cannot be forged,"she said. "We need to make sure the proxy appointment is genuine and that the operation isworkable on the ground level. It has to operate practically without difficulties to avoid potentialdisputes." Mak went on to say that a paper had already been submitted to the LegislativeCouncil, and that the matter would be discussed next week. Edited by Azam Khan

- Lawmakers call for cancel culture to hit bid-riggers (2026-11-07 08:23)

Lawmakers on Saturday voiced hope that a newly established joint task force can change the culture of the building maintenance and renovation industry by actively weeding out bad apples. They were speaking following an announcement on Friday that 28 people had been arrested in an operation against a suspected triad-linked bid-rigging syndicate in the sector. It was the first operation by a joint task force – made up of police, the ICAC and the Competition Commission – that was set up following the release of the report by an independent committee probing last November's deadly fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po. Speaking on a radio programme, DAB lawmaker Chan Hok-fung said the new joint task force should not be targeting bid-rigging on a case-by-case basis. “I think it’s only at the source that the problem can truly be solved,” he said. “If the government doesn’t get involved, doesn’t intervene heavily and doesn’t reverse this distorted way the market operates, the problem can’t be solved." Lam Chun-sing, who chairs the Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions, called for firms convicted of bribery or competition offences to be struck off contractors' lists. “What some contractors fear most isn’t a fine – it’s not being allowed to take on work in the future,” he said. Edited by Azam Khan

- John Lee calls on youth to be curious and courageous (2026-11-07 07:25)

Chief Executive John Lee on Saturday urged young people to be curious and courageous as Hong Kong hosts the third Youth Development Summit. In a video speech for the summit, themed "Pioneering New Horizons, Venturing into the Future", in Wan Chai, he said that when young people are empowered, communities are strengthened and the world moves forward. Under the the territory's first five-year plan, Lee said, Hong Kong will enhance youth development opportunities, nurturing a new generation to cultivate affection for the country and Hong Kong, a global perspective, and an ambitious and positive mindset. "We are expanding international exposure through exchanges, internships, and learning experiences," he said. "Working with our schools, businesses and community partners, we are cultivating an environment where young people can unleash their potential, thrive and shine on the global

stage." For his part, Chief Secretary Eric Chan said he was confident government measureswould help Hong Kong's young people serve the needs of the economy, the community and thecountry. "That includes participating in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-MacaoGreater Bay Area, as well as the Belt and Road Initiative," he said. " We will continue to deepenpatriotic education for young people while helping them broaden their international horizons."Edited by Azam Khan

- US enterprises 'surprise' in latest HK strategic batch (2026-11-07 05:08)

The United States is the largest source of overseas firms in Hong Kong’ s latest batch of companies welcomed by the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (Oases). Last month, Oases welcomed 18 enterprise partners in its seventh batch, bringing the cumulative number of strategic enterprises attracted to Hong Kong to 142. "In terms of overseas enterprises, you may be a bit surprised, but the United States has the largest number; of course there is also Europe," said Oases director-general Peter Yan on an RTHK radio programme on Saturday. "This time I am also very happy that for the first time we have a Korean enterprise coming to Hong Kong and also a Japanese enterprise coming to Hong Kong as strategic enterprises." On the mainland side, Yan said the enterprises came from various cities such as Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. " This time we also explored more other cities that are quite outstanding, especially in advanced manufacturing and new energy; we are also attracting them," he said. "In medical technology, other cities are also developing quite well – for example, Hangzhou in AI, and Nanjing and Suzhou." Yan said artificial intelligence and life and health technology are two relatively large sectors represented in the batch, with each accounting for about 30 percent of the total, while fintech and new energy each accounted for more than 10 percent. The 142 strategic enterprises that have settled in Hong Kong, he enumerated, have committed to a total investment of HK$84 billion and will create about 26,700 high-end jobs. His office has been monitoring and following up on the companies’ development, and both capital investment and job creation have now exceeded their targets. Looking at the first six batches of strategic enterprises, Yan said capital investment has exceeded pledged figures by about 30 percent. He added that Oases carefully selects strategic enterprises, gaining an in-depth understanding of about 20 to 30 percent of the companies it contacts and helping them draw up development plans for Hong Kong. Typically, the office contacts companies several months before they settle in the city and follows up for more than a year, discussing their first concrete landing project and matching them with policies or stakeholders such as universities, investors and the business sector to help ensure a tangible industrial contribution. Edited by Robert Kemp

- Colder weather 'may worsen flu risks for children' (2026-11-07 05:01)

A paediatric infectious diseases expert warned on Saturday that colder weather could prolong the current flu season and lead to more critical cases in children. Mike Kwan, president of the Asian Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, said that if infection numbers stay high, critical cases will rise in tandem. "Since the weather is going to get more cold, and also we are going into the winter season, I really worry that the current flu season will merge with the winter flu

season," he said. "So then you experience a very, very long period of the flu infection. Andsubsequently... [I am] really worried that there will be more paediatric critical cases or evenmortality." Kwan urged parents whose children had yet to receive this season's influenzavaccine to get them vaccinated as soon as possible. Edited by Robert Kemp

- Firefighters tackle blaze at paper offering warehouse (2026-11-07 01:15)

A Yuen Long warehouse storing paper funeral offerings caught fire on Friday night. The blaze in Pak Sha Tsuen began just before 11 pm. About half an hour later, the Fire Services Department upgraded it to a No. 3 Alarm, the third highest on a scale of five. Firefighters deployed three jets and three breathing apparatus teams. They managed to put out the blaze before 3 am. Police say 12 people were evacuated. No one was hurt. Edited by Robert Kemp

- Evening News on TV32 - Nov 6 (2026-11-06 12:33)

Top stories for Friday, Nov 6, 2026 - The Exchange Fund records a third-quarter investment income of almost $19 billion. - Police say they will roll out facial recognition technology across their CCTV network this month. - Protests have erupted across Paraguay after one of the country's largest banks was shut down over a solvency crisis.

- 28 nabbed in first task force raid against bid-rigging (2026-11-06 11:18)

Authorities said on Friday that 28 people were arrested in an operation against a suspected triad-linked bid-rigging syndicate targeting building maintenance and renovation projects. Secretary for Security Chris Tang said it was the first operation by the joint task force made up of police, the ICAC and the Competition Commission, which was set up after the Wang Fuk Court fire last year. Tang said the syndicate was looking to cash in before the government's anti-bid-rigging policies takes effect. Under pretexts such as fluctuating material prices and the urgent need to start works, it tried to get homeowners to sign contracts quickly, so its preferred engineering consultants and contractors would be selected in a bid to rake in huge profits at the last minute, he said. "The syndicate involved at least 20 buildings or estates, including 12 that have already awarded the contract and eight that have yet to award the contract," the security minister told reporters. "The awarded sum is about HK$100 million and the to-be-awarded amount is also about HK$100 million." Officials will contact the owners' corporations of the affected estates to offer assistance. Those arrested include directors and staff from a property management company, six contractors and 10 consultancy firms, along with one member of an owners' corporation. Several arrestees, Tang said, were suspected to have triad affiliations. They were arrested for offences including deception, forgery, conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to offer an advantage to an agent, among others. Separately, police smashed seven illegal premises suspected to be controlled by triads across the city and arrested 38 people. Tang said the syndicate allegedly funnelled profits from bid-rigging to illegal gambling dens and vice establishments. He added a 24-hour hotline and a reward scheme have been set up to encourage the public to report suspected bid-rigging, with all information kept strictly confidential. Edited by Edmond Fong

• 'Unlimited land searches raise privacy concerns' (2026-11-06 09:07)

A development official on Friday said a lack of restrictions for land record searches may lead to privacy concerns, prompting the authorities to adjust the mechanism. Her remarks came after the government proposed legislative amendments, saying land record searches must meet one of nine specified purposes. Speaking to lawmakers, Permanent Secretary for Development of Planning and Lands Doris Ho said there should be room for the media to carry out investigative reporting by allowing the search in the public interest, including the reporting of large-scale unauthorised building works. “We believe that there should be a mechanism – a not too difficult one – for the media to carry out reporting that serves public interest,” she said. “We want to have this type of reporting. Therefore, although an application and some information will be required in the future… we believe the chance of approval is very high.” Ho added that although there is no appeal mechanism, if an application is rejected, the applicant could submit grounds that were not previously provided for authorities to reconsider. Authorities are also looking at the introduction of a mechanism to inform home owners whose properties are being searched, she said. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Record 400-plus HK firms join Shanghai import expo (2026-11-06 08:04)

A record high of more than 400 Hong Kong businesses are taking part in the China International Import Expo in Shanghai hoping to use the event as a launchpad for entry into the mainland market. Among the first-time exhibitors is a Hong Kong accounting firm, which has seen a 30-percent surge over the past year in mainland clients seeking to expand overseas. Man Law, CEO of the firm's greater China division, told RTHK that venturing abroad was no longer just a trend, but a practical necessity for managing risks and driving growth. The expo, he said, is an ideal stage to highlight Hong Kong's role as a springboard for international growth, particularly through tax incentives. "Suppose you have set up an office and hired staff in Hong Kong," Law said. "When expanding into Southeast Asia or investing in other foreign markets, you can take advantage of the double taxation avoidance agreements signed between Hong Kong and many countries. "At their peak, tax savings could exceed 50 percent." Another first-time exhibitor is a craft brewery that is working up a thirst at the expo for its award-winning, Hong Kong-made beer. The brewery's marketing director said the brand aims to tap the mainland market, confident that its craft beers will be competitive as many mainland consumers have a strong appetite for Hong Kong products. The event has also drawn local academic institutions, including the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. PolyU vice-president Zheng Zijian said the university, which has established 12 research institutes on the mainland over the past three years for incubation programmes, has brought innovation projects such as robots and food technology to the expo. The institution, he stressed, has benefited from the mainland's comprehensive domestic industrial chain and robust support from local governments. “Our practice over the past few years is to take the path of deep integration with the mainland and contribute to integration with the country's talent, science and technology, and education,” Zheng said. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Police honour fallen officer Chu at memorial (2026-11-06 07:29)

Police paid tribute to senior police constable Chu Chun-kwok, who died in September, at the Force Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday. Chu was paralysed after he was attacked while on duty in 2005 and passed away this year at the age of 52. The ceremony was led by police commissioner Joe Chow, who joined police representatives in honouring full-time and auxiliary officers killed in the line of duty. In his address, Chow said the fallen officers had given their lives for Hong Kong's safety and stability. Their example, he added, places a responsibility on current officers to carry on the values and work they stood for. Turning to Chu, Chow said his death, along with the sacrifices of other fallen officers, showed a firm commitment to protecting the public and their property and to moving the force forward. He described their dedication as a guide for the force as it seeks to improve and meet future challenges. Chow also said the sacrifices of those who came before had created a strong foundation for both the force and society, and urged officers to remain united and committed to serving the community. The ceremony included the sounding of the "Last Post" and a two-minute silence. Wreaths were laid by Chow, police commandant Johnny Leung and representatives of police formations and associations before the Books of Remembrance, which list the names of fallen officers. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Choi to seek additional funding for university towns (2026-11-06 06:47)

Secretary for Education Christine Choi said on Friday that her bureau would seek additional funding for the development of university towns at the Northern Metropolis. In an interview with a local news outlet, she said universities would require much more funding from the financial secretary than the HK$10 billion loan set aside for them to build campuses there. However, she also pointed out that the government had to take into consideration a need to prioritise public funding allocations. Given that the development at the three university towns – located in San Tin, Hung Shui Kiu and Ta Kwu Ling – would be carried out in phases, Choi said she believed institutions would not need to go heavily into debt in the process. The government has been taking applications for the three sites slated for the Hung Shui Kiu University Town, which spans around 26 hectares in total, since September. Choi said institutions need not to be in a hurry to compete for the sites, as they only account for less than 10 percent of the 300-hectare Northern Metropolis university town area. On whether leading universities from outside the SAR would also participate in the project, Choi said she believed they would be inclined to collaborate with local institutions in setting up joint laboratories and research centres, as they have to take into consideration their finances and the geopolitical situation. At a Legislative Council panel meeting, Choi said the SAR's university town plan is very different from the ones on the mainland by having compounding advantages that place Hong Kong in a unique position. For instance, she said, the city is highly international and diversified. "Our institutions have long enjoyed a globally renowned reputation in academic and research fields," Choi said. "Also, in terms of our ability to attract top talent as well as in aspects such as policies and the legal system, Hong Kong also has unique advantages." Choi added that Hong Kong would also complement other university towns on the mainland. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Exchange Fund makes HK$18.6bn as tough quarter looms (2026-11-06 06:06)

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority said on Friday it chalked up an income of HK$18.6 billion from Exchange Fund investments in the third quarter as its chief executive warned of uncertainties in the fourth quarter. Gains from investments in Hong Kong stocks came in at HK$9.1 billion while the return from bond investments only amounted to HK$300 million. Investments in other equities contributed HK$1.5 billion while foreign exchange investment brought HK$7.7 billion. The authority said total investment income in the first three quarters of this year amounted to HK$171.9 billion. Speaking after attending a meeting of the Legislative Council's financial affairs panel, authority chief executive Eddie Yue said the fund's performance would continue to fluctuate this quarter, describing it as a "difficult quarter with uncertainties". The uncertainties run the gamut from Middle East tensions, financial conditions in major markets, to developments on the artificial intelligence front. "The US midterm election results have drawn market attention to whether the AI build-out and data-centre construction will slow down, as many states appear to be resistant to it," Yue pointed out. "This also contributed to the volatility in the stock market [on Thursday night]." However, Yue emphasised that the Exchange Fund is a long-term venture and that people should look at its long-term returns rather than focus on short-term results. The authority, he also stressed, has been maintaining a diversified allocation of assets to make the portfolio more defensive. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Privacy chief backs tighter land-search rules (2026-11-06 04:01)

Privacy commissioner Ada Chung expressed support on Friday for government moves to tighten land record search arrangements, while raising concerns that misuse of land registry data may be getting worse. Her comments come as the government tabled eight pieces of subsidiary legislation in the Legislative Council for the changes. Under the new arrangements, land searches must meet one of nine specified purposes. Speaking on RTHK, Chung said the purposes – which could be part of property deals and valuations – had to be concrete and clear so searchers would stick to declarations of their intended use of the data and not stray into potentially misusing it. She said her office had received 20 complaints in five years about alleged misuse of land registry data, which included instances where owners were doxxed on social media, and the sending of promotional mail. Six complaints came this year alone, Chung pointed out. "We've seen cases where land registry data was used for ... other purposes such as cyberbullying and doxxing. Not a single case of that kind should happen, and we've already had six this year, so the trend is worsening," she said. Chung said the new rules on land searches make the system clearer, better protect owners' privacy, and help people to avoid breaking the law. She noted that the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance's exemption for journalistic activities also requires a public-interest basis, matching the purpose of the new arrangements. Edited by Aaron Tam

• 'FundHK' crowdfunding website not associated with RTHK (2026-11-06 03:53)

Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) said on Friday it has no ties with a crowdfunding website operating under the name “FundHK” that used the acronym “RTHK” in its promotional materials and claimed that “RTHK” is one of its “media and institutional partners”. "RTHK hereby clarifies that it has no affiliation, partnership, collaboration, authorisation, endorsement, or any other form of relationship whatsoever with FundHK or its operating entity," an RTHK statement said. The broadcaster said any representation suggesting otherwise is unauthorised and does not reflect the position of RTHK. It said members of the public who suspect fraud or become aware of any potentially unlawful activities are advised to report the matter to police immediately and seek appropriate assistance. Edited by Aaron Tam

- HK can help 'bend the curve' on rising drug costs: FS (2026-11-06 03:41)

Financial Secretary Paul Chan on Friday said Hong Kong can play a key role in reversing the rising cost of bringing new medicines to patients, as he opened the third International Bio-Computing Innovation Summit in the SAR. In his opening speech, Chan drew on two contrasting "laws" to frame the challenge facing the life sciences industry. Moore's Law describes how the cost of computing power has gone down – while medicine is going down the opposite path. For some seven decades, he said, the cost of bringing a new drug to patients roughly doubled every nine years, a phenomenon known as Eroom's Law. "Behind that rising curve are promising treatments that were never able to secure funding, and patients waiting for better medical options," Chan said. "Eroom's Law describes the past. It needs not dictate the future." Chan identified three forces that could help "bend the curve", and said Hong Kong could contribute to each. The first is the power of computing to transform biological research, he said, as gene sequencing becomes cheaper and AI allows scientists not only to read the code of life, but to model and "write" it – designing molecules, antibodies and enzymes rather than relying on laboratory trial and error. He noted that a drug discovered by generative AI entered phase three clinical trials this year, and that the company behind it is listed in Hong Kong. Regulators, he added, are beginning to accept evidence from computer models and alternatives to animal testing. The second force, Chan said, is the changing geography of drug innovation. " China now is no longer just a market for global pharmaceutical companies. It has become an indispensable part of their global research and development network," he said, noting that overseas licensing deals for innovative drugs from China reached nearly US$140 billion in total value last year, almost 10 times the level in 2021. The third force is capital – "not just how much we invest, but how well we put it to work," he said. He highlighted the power of the city's capital markets, noting Hong Kong has become the world's second-largest fundraising centre for biotechnology since listing reforms for pre-revenue biotech firms in 2018. Chan said Hong Kong's role is increasingly clear: to bring models, patients, markets and capital together, and reduce the time and cost of bringing new treatments to market. He pointed to the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation, efforts in Hetao to make it easier for data and biosamples to move across the boundary, the new Life and Health Technology Research Institute, and a third medical school being built with HKUST. "If this is the decade in which we finally bend that curve, let Hong Kong play a part in making it happen," he

said. Edited by Aaron Tam

• GBA offers limitless opportunities for laywers: Lam (2026-11-06 03:11)

Secretary for Justice Paul Lam has called on legal practitioners from the two SARs to obtain Greater Bay Area (GBA) practice qualifications to tap into the area's limitless opportunities. The GBA lawyers' scheme – which allows those qualified to practice in nine mainland cities – was regularised in September after a six-year pilot run. Speaking at the Second Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Lawyers Forum that was held during the Legal Week on Friday, Lam said more than 700 legal practitioners from Hong Kong and Macao have so far obtained the qualification. "The Greater Bay Area has the characteristic of 'one country, two systems and three jurisdictions'," he said. "Greater Bay Area lawyers with dual practice qualifications will serve as pioneers." Lam noted that the GBA is among the areas with the highest degree of openness and strongest economic vitality in the country. Hong Kong, he said, will step up the closer interface of rules and laws on the safeguards of the rule of law in the GBA, as laid out in its inaugural five-year plan. With more than 900 participants attending the event at the Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai in-person or online, the minister urged them to take the chance to understand the latest GBA developments, grasp new opportunities and expand into new fields. Edited by Aaron Tam

• Police to deploy facial recognition on CCTV networks (2026-11-06 00:51)

Police said facial recognition technology will be rolled out across its CCTV network this month to assist in criminal searches and locate high-risk missing persons, with some of the captured data stored for up to 180 days. Officers said they have so far installed around 10,000 cameras under the SmartView initiative, alongside connections to a further 10,000 from other government departments and public organisations. Covered locations include, among others, Kai Tak Sports Park, Hong Kong International Airport, cross-harbour tunnels, MTR stations and public housing estates. Superintendent Raymond Cheng said the facial recognition feature can be activated anytime on all police cameras, as well as third-party feeds integrated into the SmartView system. However, he explained that the feature will only be triggered during active criminal searches or to locate high-risk missing persons, to save resources. "For the 24 hours analysis, not all of them can be used at the same time because of the resources," Cheng said. "But if we need to use, we can spend the resources on particular CCTV, and of course it can be used around the clock." In separate pilot tests, police said the facial recognition technology has already helped them arrest a robbery suspect and locate an elderly man with dementia within 1.5 hours of being reported missing. Officers said CCTV footage will only be kept for a maximum of 31 days. However, photos of individuals captured by the facial recognition technology, along with metadata such as location, date, time, and facial characteristics, will be retained for 180 days. Meanwhile, police revealed that at least four shopping malls have agreed to connect their CCTV feeds to the police network. RTHK understands these include Tuen Mun Town Plaza, Olympian City, Kwai Chung Shopping Centre, and Sierra Life in Fanling. Cheng said malls that have installed CCTV cameras are required by law to display signs warning people that recording

is in progress. However, the superindendent noted the Department of Justice (DOJ) advised thatit should be voluntary for malls to disclose whether their CCTV feeds are connected to the policenetwork. “We will follow the advice from the DOJ to encourage shopping malls or theorganisations to post our notice to announce that our system is connected with their CCTV,” Cheng added. Police have been installing cameras in public places with high crime rates andheavy pedestrian flow since 2024, aiming to reach a target of 60,000 cameras by 2028 to coverthe entire city. An additional 6,500 cameras will be installed in the developing NorthernMetropolis after 2028, bringing the total number of public surveillance cameras to around66,500 in 2031. Since the project began, the force said its CCTV network has helped solve nearly2,200 criminal cases, including murder, robbery, and arson, leading to more than 2,800 arrests.Edited by Aaron Tam

- Evening News on TV32 - Nov 5 (2026-11-05 12:40)

Top stories for Thursday, Nov 5, 2026 - Chief Executive John Lee calls Joshua Wong a primary culprit in undermining Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, as the former activist gets a 10-year jail term for violating the National Security Law. - The China International Import Expo opens in Shanghai. - Americans react to the Republicans' crushing defeat in the midterms.

- Tang condemns external smearing over Wong sentence (2026-11-05 10:13)

Secretary for Security Chris Tang strongly condemned on Thursday attacks by external forces following the sentencing of former activist Joshua Wong, who was imprisoned for 10 years after pleading guilty to conspiring with foreign countries or external elements to endanger national security. Tang said the court, in passing sentence on Wong, found that he, Nathan Law, who has absconded, and others had continued to collude with foreign officials and outlets in calling for sanctions and hostile measures against the nation, Hong Kong and their officials. He reiterated that Wong was sentenced under fair and open judicial proceedings, showing that the SAR abides by the rule of law. "Those launching attacks against us are exactly the same external forces that Wong and Law attempted to collude... They must be strongly condemned, and Hong Kong citizens must recognise and acknowledge that clearly," Tang said. Speaking outside the High Court earlier on Thursday, Steve Li, chief superintendent of the police's national security department, said Wong had taken part in social movements from a young age and committed various offences in adulthood. Li said he hoped Wong would reflect on his wrongdoings. "I sincerely hope that for the rest of his time in prison, apart from reflecting on the wrongdoings he has done to the country and to the Hong Kong SAR, he must seize the opportunity to learn how to respect the law and properly understand his own country," he said. Edited by Tony Sabine

- DOJ launches HK$20,000 lawtech funding scheme (2026-11-05 09:48)

The Department of Justice has launched a funding scheme aimed at helping small and medium-sized law firms and newly qualified barristers adopt legal technology. The Funding Scheme for LawTech Solution Subscription, managed by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the

Hong Kong Bar Association, will provide eligible applicants with up to HK$20,000 for a one-yearsubscription to designated legal technology services. The list covers services from 14 local,mainland and overseas providers, spanning legal research, document drafting, workflowmanagement and hearing support. Eligible applicants are sole practitioners, Hong Kong lawfirms with five or fewer partners, and barristers with no more than seven years of call. Speakingto reporters at Hong Kong Legal Week on Thursday, Deputy Secretary for Justice Horace Cheungsaid the pilot scheme would ease the financial burden on applicants seeking to improve theirability to adopt lawtech services. "We hope that we can use such kind of financial incentive toencourage them to use the lawtech tools in their practice and we believe that after this pilotscheme, they will know how good the legal tool can help them in their practice," he said. "Iwould say that is only the beginning. Certainly we will monitor the progress of the pilot schemeand see what we can do further for the legal sector in the years ahead." Cheung also said theDepartment of Justice would release guidance notes on the application of technology in legalpractice. The notes, he said, are intended to give the legal profession principles to consider andpractical advice on adopting legal technology, helping practitioners guard against potential riskswhile remaining mindful of their ongoing professional responsibilities. Meanwhile, José-AntonioMaurellet, chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association, said the scheme was timely andfar-sighted and would benefit about 500 members. He believes it would encourage youngermembers to invest more time and resources in training and to stay competitive. Roden Tong,president of the Law Society of Hong Kong, for his part, said the Department of Justice hadintroduced the scheme for a second time, adding that the support helped the legal professionmake better use of technology and improve efficiency. The application deadline is January 29.Edited by Tony Sabine

- HK 'to widen trade reach to help nation go global' (2026-11-05 08:29)

Chief Executive John Lee on Thursday said Hong Kong would continue to expand its international trade network to better contribute to the country's overall development. Speaking at the Hong Kong sub-forum of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum in Shanghai, he noted the event was the first major conference held by the SAR since the unveiling of its first-ever five-year plan in September. The conference, Lee said, allowed experts and industry leaders from both the mainland and Hong Kong to gather and explore how the city could leverage its unique position under "One Country, Two Systems" and integrate into national development. One key focus area is trade, he said. “Hong Kong has become the fifth-largest merchandise trading entity in the world, having signed free-trade agreements with 21 economies and investment agreements with 34 economies," Lee said. "The SAR government will continue to expand its international economic and trade network to play a greater role in the country’s high-standard opening up." The world, Lee pointed out, is experiencing a once-in-a-century transformation, which is happening alongside a global supply chain restructuring and rapid technological advancement. He stressed that Hong Kong must proactively plan for its future and implement a forward-looking strategic plan with a calm and measured approach. Another key focus area, Lee said, is finance. Describing it as Hong Kong’s

fundamental and greatest area of strength, he stressed that the SAR must consolidate its role asan international financial centre. He added that Hong Kong would strengthen its position as theworld's largest offshore renminbi hub to expand the global use of the currency and activelybuild a commodity and gold trading ecosystem. Lee also noted that Hong Kong wouldproactively align with national scientific research and industrial strategies, accelerate itsinvestment in science and technology, and help mainland enterprises expand overseas throughits GoGlobal Task Force. Later, Lee toured various booths hosted by Hong Kong enterprises andinstitutions taking part in the China International Import Expo, which is being held concurrentlywith the forum. He listened to a briefing by Hong Kong Polytechnic University representatives,and at one booth, tasted traditional sweetheart cakes — also known as wife cakes. Arepresentative told the chief executive that the pastries have been a huge hit at high-speed railstations on the mainland, adding that they have revamped their packaging to feature HongKong elements on the design, such as trams, to appeal to younger generations. Lee also visiteda craft beer booth to try a brew infused with the flavour of salty-lemon 7Up — an iconic HongKong cha chaan teng drink that mixes 7Up with salted preserved lemon. A representative at thebooth told him that Hong Kong enjoys a major advantage in sourcing raw ingredients thanks tobeing a highly international city. Lee said Hong Kong could host its own beer festival in thefuture, encouraging the business to keep growing and build itself into a premier local brand forsuch events. Frederick Ma, chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, said thecouncil led a delegation of more than 70 Hong Kong enterprises at this year's expo, with recordsset in both the number of participating exhibitors and the amount of exhibition space used._____ Last updated: 2026-11-05 HKT 17:10 Edited by Tony Sabine

- Wong undermined HK's prosperity and stability: CE (2026-11-05 08:09)

Chief Executive John Lee on Thursday said Joshua Wong was one of the “primary culprits responsible for undermining Hong Kong’s prosperity and stability” after he was jailed for 10 years for conspiracy to collude with foreign countries or external elements to endanger national security. In a statement, Lee said Wong has repeatedly broken the law over the years, adding that before the implementation of the National Security Law (NSL) Wong, Nathan Law and others persistently colluded with foreign countries and tried to get them to impose sanctions against China and the SAR. Lee went on to say that after the NSL took effect, Wong, Law and their accomplices “showed no repentance and continued to act as agents of foreign countries and external forces, wantonly persisting in conspiring to collude with foreign countries or external forces to endanger national security, in a vain attempt to exert pressure on the Central Authorities and the HKSAR Government through external forces, betraying Hong Kong while remaining incorrigible". Meanwhile, a government spokesman said Wong's sentence " completely shattered the illusion of individuals endangering national security that they could escape liability under the guise of so-called 'international battlefront' or 'international advocacy', and demonstrated to the international community the HKSAR's firm determination to safeguard national security". Edited by Edmond Fong

• Road worker killed in Sha Tin vehicle collision (2026-11-05 05:05)

Police said a road maintenance worker died after being struck by a medium goods vehicle in Sha Tin on Thursday morning. The incident occurred at around 11am on Sha Tin Road near Pok Hong Estate. The vehicle was travelling towards Tai Po at the time. The female worker, who was about 60 years old, was found unconscious with head injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. Edited by Tony Sabine

• Joshua Wong jailed 10 years for foreign collusion (2026-11-05 04:13)

Former activist Joshua Wong was on Thursday jailed for 10 years after pleading guilty to conspiracy to collude with foreign countries or external elements to endanger national security. High Court Judge William Tam found the offence was of a “grave nature” under the National Security Law. The court said Wong and his affiliates, including Nathan Law, persisted after the NSL took effect in calling for foreign sanctions, blockade or other hostile measures against the People's Republic of China, the Hong Kong SAR and their officials. They deliberately adapted roles so overseas allies made blatant calls for such sanctions, while Wong, remaining in Hong Kong, published and bolstered the calls. Judge Tam took a starting point of 13 years, then cut three years for the guilty plea and mitigation, leaving 10 years – the statutory minimum for a grave offence. Two months and two days of the new term will run concurrently with the sentence Wong is already serving for another subversion case. Speaking to reporters outside the High Court, Steve Li, Chief Superintendent of the police's National Security Department, said that Wong took part in social movements from a young age and committed various offences as an adult. Li said he hopes Wong will reflect on his wrongdoings. "I sincerely hope that for the rest of his time in prison, apart from reflecting on the wrongdoings he has done to the country and to the Hong Kong SAR, he must seize the opportunity to learn how to respect the law and properly understand his own country," he said. Edited by Aaron Tam

• HK 'is largest cross-boundary wealth management hub' (2026-11-05 03:59)

Financial Secretary Paul Chan on Thursday said Hong Kong’s wealth management sector is growing strongly and is well positioned to capture a fair share of business emanating from shifting global affluence. In a keynote speech at the Wealth Management Summit, he pointed to a survey in July by the Securities and Futures Commission that showed assets under management jumped 20 percent to more than HK$42 trillion. The city, Chan said, is now the largest cross-boundary wealth management centre in the world. A survey by summit organiser Private Wealth Management Association offered a similarly encouraging picture, as it found 77 percent of member firms reported stronger demand to open accounts or book client assets in Hong Kong and that 94 percent were moderately or highly optimistic about the city's prospects over the next five years. Chan said sentiment at this week’s Global Financial Leaders’ Investment Summit, which drew some 280 international leaders from the sector, including around 120 chairmen or chief executives, was "decidedly positive", with some planning to increase investment and headcount in the city. International capital was showing fresh confidence in Hong Kong, he said, with it being reinforced by policy measures to boost private

wealth management. "Our tax concession for family-owned investment vehicles is now wellestablished and Hong Kong is home to over 3,300 single-family offices, up 25 percent in just twoyears," he said at the summit. "The New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme has received some4,300 applications, representing an expected investment of HK$150 billion, and we haveintroduced legislation to further enhance the preferential tax regimes for funds, single-familyoffices and carry interest, which we aim to pass by the end of this year." Chan said higher ratesand uncertainty were redrawing the map for capital flows, with cash earning a return again andinvestors diversifying across markets and currencies. Hong Kong is a clear beneficiary, he said,noting that deposits rose 7.7 percent to HK$20.9 trillion in the first nine months of this year.Initial public offerings raised, Chan pointed out, a record HK$388 billion and capital is arrivingfrom the United States and Europe, as well as the mainland, Southeast Asia, Central Asia andthe Middle East. He also pointed to technology and AI as a growing source of wealth: tech isnow the largest source of wealth among the world's richest tycoons, and mainland billionairefortunes rose over 20 percent to US$1.8 trillion last year. Hong Kong is capturing it at source –116 A- and H-share listings in the first three quarters accounted for about 70 percent of fundsraised, over half of which were in AI, semiconductors and robotics, with some 500 applicationsin the pipeline. Edited by Tony Sabine

- John Lee visits Shanghai to promote SAR businesses (2026-11-04 14:00)

Chief Executive John Lee arrived in Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon after visiting Beijing, where he attended the opening ceremony of the 29th Beijing Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium. In a Facebook post, Lee thanked representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Beijing's Liaison Office in the SAR, and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, as well as colleagues from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai for meeting him at the airport. Lee will attend the opening ceremony of the ninth China International Import Expo (CIIE) on Thursday. "This year's CIIE has attracted participants from 162 countries, regions, and international organisations, with a total exhibition area exceeding 440,000 square metres," the post read. The CE will also attend the Hongqiao International Economic Forum. "There, I will highlight how Hong Kong is leveraging its unique strengths to integrate into and serve the nation's overall development, showcasing our achievements and opportunities." Lee said Shanghai and Hong Kong share deep historical ties, with the SAR pushing ahead plans to establish a "sister port" relationship with Shanghai within this year. He added that a pilot project for the mutual exchange of trade data was launched last month and is expected to benefit local small and medium-sized enterprises that export goods from the mainland. Lee is also expected to meet with Shanghai officials to deepen cooperation before returning to Hong Kong on Friday. Edited by Aaron Tam

- RTHK signs MoU with Tianjin Haihe Media Group (2026-11-04 13:00)

Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tianjin Haihe Media Group, in a bid to boost bilateral collaboration in areas such as talent exchange and events. The MoU was signed during a four-day trip by Director of Broadcasting

Angelina Kwan to the mainland, which ended on Wednesday. During the trip, Kwan, as well asparticipants of RTHK's national studies programme, called on the Hong Kong and Macao AffairsOffice of the State Council, and met Deputy Director Zhang Dongmei. Kwan also visited theNational Radio and Television Administration and the Beijing Radio and Television Station toexplore opportunities for strengthening exchange and co-operation. On Tuesday, Kwan signedan MoU with Tianjin Haihe Media Group President Ma Bo. The two sides agreed to establish aframework for bilateral collaboration spanning programme resources, talent exchanges,co-operation on platform and copyright licensing, as well as on-ground events. RTHK said thethe partnership will facilitate the distribution of its content to the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region,while enabling Tianjin Haihe Media Group's productions to reach international audiencesthrough RTHK's platforms. RTHK has signed MoUs with eight mainland and overseas mediaorganisations so far this year. "By building a growing network of broadcaster partnerships anddeepening collaboration on an ongoing basis, RTHK is giving concrete expression to its strategiccommitment to leveraging Hong Kong's unique role as a connector between the Chinesemainland and the wider world, thereby enhancing Hong Kong's international communicationcapacity and sharing the stories of the nation and Hong Kong on the global stage," a statementread. Edited by Aaron Tam

- Evening News on TV32 - Nov 4 (2026-11-04 12:47)

Top stories for Wednesday, Nov 4, 2026 - Americans reject Donald Trump's Republicans with Democrats taking control of Congress. - Eric Chan says it's not by chance that Hong Kong has done well in a ranking of Asian universities. - CE urges closer ties with the city of Beijing.

- ICAC charges former HKEX vice president (2026-11-04 08:21)

A former vice president of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing (HKEX) was charged by the ICAC on Wednesday for allegedly obtaining dishonest access to the HKEX’s internal information system. The system contained confidential information involving listed companies, according to the anti-graft agency. Geoffrey Tong, 39, and his mother, Leung Yiu-chun, 68, jointly face one count of obtaining access to computer with a view to dishonest gain for himself or another under the Crimes Ordinance. The charge alleges that the two defendants obtained access to the HKEX’s internal information system with a view to dishonest gain between February 2018 and April 2023. The ICAC investigation revealed that Tong allegedly accessed confidential information of listed companies unrelated to his duties on multiple occasions. “Subsequently, the investment account of his mother, Leung, engaged in share transactions of the relevant listed companies, yielding profits exceeding HK$500,000,” the ICAC said in a statement. The case was brought to the Eastern Magistrates’ Courts for mention on Wednesday. The ICAC said it would not rule out further prosecution as the investigation continues. Edited by Edmond Fong

- 'Reservation effective in cutting Po Pin Chau visits' (2026-11-04 05:30)

Secretary for Environment and Ecology Tse Chin-wan on Wednesday said the government was reviewing the trial results of the real-name reservation system for the Po Pin Chau trail in Sai Kung East Country Park. Speaking to lawmakers at the Legislative Council, Tse said authorities were looking at areas for further improvement and whether a fee could be imposed. Tse noted that the reservation system had effectively controlled visitor numbers on peak days compared to the past. He said the Po Pin Chau section received an average of 2,000 visitors per day during the Chinese New Year and Labour Day Golden Week holidays – before the reservation system was introduced, while the number was kept to around 950 during the National Day Golden Week with the reservation requirement. The highest visitor flow recorded at the Po Pin Chau viewing platform was also cut by more than 30 percent compared to the past, he added. “Visitors mainly arrived in the morning. As the reservation system effectively kept the number of visitors within 500 per time slot, visitor flow on the trail was dispersed in an orderly manner, and visitors were able to tour in a more comfortable and safe environment without overcrowding,” he said. “Implementation experience shows that by effectively controlling the visitor numbers and diverting visitor flow, the reservation system not only reduced the wear and tear caused by visitors to the natural environment but also significantly improved the overall visitor experience.” He added that the reservation system operated well, with most visitors satisfied with the arrangement. The minister also said the government could collaborate with the tourism sector to launch eco-tours to further develop ecotourism products. He said part of the 2,000 daily quota of Po Pin Chau trail could be reserved for tour groups. Edited by Tony Sabine

- 'World unis to step up collaboration over NM' (2026-11-04 05:18)

Leaders from universities around the world attending a conference in Hong Kong on Wednesday said they believe the Northern Metropolis project will foster closer collaboration among institutions. On the sidelines of the World Class University Presidents Forum, Mark Scott, vice chancellor and president of the University of Sydney, recognised Hong Kong’s leading position in education, which has five institutions ranked in the world’s top 100 in the QS World University Rankings 2027. “There isn’t another city in the world that is achieving so remarkably at such scale, and so we have much to learn from Hong Kong,” he said. “One of the things I think we can learn is the commitment of leadership that sees investment in higher education, in research and in learning – as a key to economic growth and prosperity, and a richer and fairer society.” Scott also said the University of Sydney is very excited about what the mega project has to offer. “We are very impressed by the level of financial commitment and long-term engagement from government and leadership here, and we are keen to find a way to be productive partners.” Ebrahim Al Hajri, president of Khalifa University of Science and Technology in the United Arab Emirates, said the institution looks forward to playing a part in the development of the Northern Metropolis by collaborating with other institutions to “create local and global impact”. “This is actually physical research without borders – connecting both sides to technology, development, research, talent cultivation,” he said. “Not only that, but the translation of research into commercial opportunities to benefit society and economy at

large.” The Worldwide Universities Network – a leading global higher education network thatcomprises of 23 research-intensive universities – said the hub represents a “significantmoment” for institutions to rethink global collaboration. “It’s not just about the scale andconcentration for Hong Kong,” its executive director Dawn Freshwater said. “It’s actuallyabout a beacon of excellence globally for ways in which we might partner, collaborate and trulyfocus on how we are going to solve the issues now facing civilisation – and that is substantial.” Fudan University president Jin Li, for his part, believes the Northern Metropolis can further helpHong Kong connect to the world. The mega hub is also crucial for the SAR to contribute to thenation’s development, he added. Edited by Edmond Fong

- CE calls for closer cooperation with nation's capital (2026-11-04 03:29)

Chief Executive John Lee on Wednesday called for closer financial and innovative ties with the city of Beijing, as he continued his visit to the capital. Speaking at a symposium on Beijing-Hong Kong cooperation, Lee said finance had been a key area for collaboration between the two cities over the years. He called for promoting two-way financial opening-up to facilitate economic transformation. “Hong Kong, as an international financial centre, connects mainland markets and global capital,” he said. “It acts as the most convenient international financing platform for enterprises in Beijing. “Through cross-border fund management, wealth management and a network connecting global investors, it serves enterprises’ needs for business expansion.” Lee said the two cities would continue to serve two-way financing for enterprises, and jointly expand green and sustainable finance, as well as offshore renminbi business. He also expressed hope of deepening innovative cooperation between the SAR and Beijing, as the nation developed new quality productive forces and promoted technological revolution and industrial transformation. The innovation sectors in the two cities would promote collaboration in life and health technology, artificial intelligence and robotics, he said. Lee added that Hong Kong would continue to assist mainland enterprises in going global. Edited by Tony Sabine

- Yau highlights benefits of RCEP accession for HK (2026-11-04 03:21)

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Algernon Yau said Hong Kong's entry into the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership could inject fresh impetus into advancing the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) agenda. "We welcome the establishment of the Accession Working Group for Hong Kong in September this year, and hope that our accession could inject fresh impetus into advancing the FTAAP agenda," he said during a virtual meeting at the 37th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Ministerial Meeting held on Tuesday. Yau said that enhancing economic integration has been the core objective of Apec, and that one of the directions is to continue to advance the FTAAP. He called on member economies to continue to strengthen connectivity in various areas, enabling the efficient flow of goods, services, capital and people, while narrowing development gaps and creating opportunities for all sectors across the region. Yau also stressed that the multilateral trading system must remain the foundation of regional integration and international trade, highlighting the importance of enhancing co-operation to deal with the seismic changes in the trade landscape. Edited by Edmond Fong

• HK offers businesses growth and capital: FS (2026-11-04 03:04)

Financial Secretary Paul Chan said Hong Kong is well-placed to provide businesses with both growth opportunities and long-term capital. The finance chief made his remarks on Wednesday during a conversation session with investors on the second day of the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit in Central. Chan noted that a company needs different forms of capital at each stage of development to turn its potential into sustained growth. This, he said, is exactly where Hong Kong comes into play. “Under the 'One Country, Two Systems' framework, Hong Kong is closely connected to the Chinese mainland, while a common law legal system, free flow of capital and international networks provide a trusted and familiar environment for global investors to take part in China's enormous growth,” Chan said. “Here, we already bring together venture capital, private equity, family offices and asset managers, with deep equity and bond markets. Our task is to connect them more closely across the corporate life cycle.” He said follow-on fundraising on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange reached HK$570 billion in the first nine months of the year, showing that the city’s market continues to support companies well beyond their initial listings. Chan also said the aim is to expand allocation choices to help investors manage risks and liquidity in support of long-term value creation. Hong Kong will keep raising its market efficiency with faster approvals, streamlined processes and clearer frameworks for new financial products – all without compromising its integrity, he added. Edited by Edmond Fong

• HK's dominance in QS rankings 'not by chance' (2026-11-04 03:00)

Acting chief executive Eric Chan on Wednesday said Hong Kong would continue to stay at the forefront of education amid the latest accolades for the city's univiersities. Speaking at the World Class University Presidents Forum, he noted that higher education had always served as a cornerstone for the SAR’s success. The city is a global hub for education and talent, Chan said, noting that five local institutions took half of top 10 places in the latest QS Asia University Rankings. Three of them ranked the top five. “This is not by chance. It is the result of sustained government investment, clear policy direction and the hard work of our universities,” he said. “It reflects our commitment to excellence, openness, academic freedom and institutional autonomy.” Hong Kong, Chan said, would keep expanding its horizon and align with the nation’s development to remain in its leading position. With the three university towns at the Northern Metropolis as well as the SAR’s Study in Hong Kong brand, he said the government welcomed people from the mainland and all over the world to pursue their studies here. “Hong Kong is a bridge between the mainland and the global higher education system. We are opening doors for our youth to engage with diverse cultures and cutting-edge ideas," Chan said. " By nurturing globally-minded innovators, we plant the seeds for a more collaborative and prosperous world.” Edited by Tony Sabine