Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) launches the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) to replace the Air Pollution Index (API) from 30 December 2013. The AQHI informs public of the short-term health risk of air pollution and helps them to take precautionary measures for health protection.

When the health risk category reaches High (AQHI reaches "7"), people who are sensitive to air pollution (including children, the elderly and people with heart or respiratory illnesses) are suggested to take precautionary actions. We therefore provide information on the days with the health risk category reached "High" or above at Tuen Mun station.

In March and April 2025, Tuen Mun station recorded 10 days with AQHI reached "7" or above. Details are shown as follows:

Dates (AQHI reached "7" or above)	Duration (Hour)	Dates (AQHI reached "7" or above)	Duration (Hour)	
19 March	4	13 April	22	
20 March	6	14 April	24	
21 March	5	15 April	24	
22 March	1	16 April	11	
25 March	2	28 April	4	

(Note: Short-term air quality can fluctuate significantly depending on various factors, including meteorological conditions. Fluctuation of weather condition could make air quality of individual months to differ from that of previous years, even if there is no significant change in air pollutant emissions. It is therefore inappropriate to conclude the change of air quality based on short-term air quality data (for example, by comparing the air monitoring data of individual month or months with those in the same period of last year). Comparison of short-term data shall only be used for reference.)

During the same period of last year (2024), Tuen Mun station recorded 2 days with AQHI reached "7" or above. Details are shown as follows:

Dates (AQHI reached "7" or above)	Duration (Hour)	Dates (AQHI reached "7" or above)	Duration (Hour)	
26 March	5	29 March	3	

Daily maxima and minima of AQHI in March and April of 2024 and 2025 recorded at Tuen Mun air quality monitoring station are shown in the Annex:

Annex:
Daily maxima and minima of AQHI in March and April of 2024 and 2025
at Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station

D.	March 2024		April 2024		March 2025		April 2025	
Date	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
1	3	2	3	2	4	3	5	2
2	3	2	3	3	3	3	5	2
3	4	2	3	2	3	2	6	3
4	4	3	2	2	3	2	5	4
5	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	3
6	4	3	3	3	3	2	5	3
7	4	2	3	2	3	2	6	3
8	5	3	3	2	5	2	5	4
9	6	4	3	2	5	4	4	3
10	4	3	6	3	5	4	3	3
11	4	3	6	4	5	3	3	2
12	5	2	5	3	4	3	4	2
13	6	4	4	3	3	2	10	5
14	6	5	3	2	4	2	10+	7
15	5	4	3	2	3	2	10+	7
16	4	3	3	2	4	2	8	5
17	4	3	3	2	5	4	5	4
18	4	2	4	2	5	4	4	2
19	5	2	3	2	7	3	3	2
20	6	3	3	2	9	4	3	2
21	6	4	3	2	7	4	2	2
22	5	4	3	2	7	4	3	2
23	4	3	3	2	6	4	3	2
24	3	3	4	2	6	4	3	2
25	3	2	3	2	7	4	3	2
26	10	2	3	2	4	3	5	3
27	5	4	2	2	3	2	4	3
28	4	3	4	2	3	2	9	3
29	7	3	3	2	3	2	6	3
30	4	3	4	2	2	2	6	4
31	3	2			2	2	5	2

Note: The AQHI is reported on a scale of 1 to 10 and 10+, and is grouped into five health risk categories, i.e. low (AQHI=1 to 3), moderate (AQHI=4 to 6), high (AQHI=7), very high (AQHI=8 to 10), and serious (AQHI=10+). The above table presents the daily maxima and minima of the AQHI.