

Result of tenders of People's Bank of China RMB Bills held on March 26, 2020

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

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Tender result

Tender Date : March 26, 2020

Bills available for Tender : Six-month RMB Bills

Issuer : The People's Bank of China

Issue Number : BCHKFP20006

Issue Date : March 30, 2020

Maturity Date : September 28, 2020 (or the closest coupon payment date)

Application Amount : RMB 35,156 million

Issue Amount : RMB 10,000 million

Average accepted Coupon Rate : 1.94%

Highest accepted Coupon Rate
(Bills' Coupon) : 2.19%

Lowest accepted Coupon Rate : 1.42%

Allocation Ratio : Approximately 74.33%

Missing man in Sham Shui Po located

A man who went missing in Sham Shui Po has been located.

Wong Chui-chung, aged 75, went missing after he left his residence in Fu Cheong Estate on March 21 morning. His family made a report to Police on March 22.

The man returned to his residence on March 24 night. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

SWD raises subsidy level for Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (March 26) that after a comprehensive review of the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (SPED), the maximum level of support for the SPED for each employee with disabilities has been raised from \$20,000 to \$40,000 with immediate effect, with a view to enhancing the support for employees with disabilities and their employers. A more flexible approach will be adopted in processing the applications to facilitate the matching of the needs of those employees.

To support the employment of persons with disabilities, the SWD launched the SPED in June 2013 to provide employers with a one-off subsidy for each employee with disabilities for procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications. The SPED aims to assist employees with disabilities in discharging their duties in the workplace and enhance their work efficiency.

A wide range of assistive devices and workplace modifications which cater for the special needs of employees with disabilities at the workplace may be considered for support. Examples include computer accessories or adaptive equipment, optical magnifying devices, hearing and assistive devices, Braille products and handrails.

The Po Leung Kuk has been commissioned to serve as the SPED Administrator. It assists in administering and promoting the SPED, providing advisory services and following up on the progress of the subsidised

programmes, preparing assessments on the applications and making recommendations to the Committee on the SPED set up by the SWD for consideration.

The SPED is open for application year-round. Employers may apply for the subsidy through nomination by the following referring organisations:

1. non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating SWD-subsented vocational rehabilitation services;
2. NGOs running training courses for persons with disabilities or persons recovering from work injuries with the funding support of the Employees Retraining Board;
3. the Selective Placement Division of the Labour Department;
4. the Vocational Training Council; or
5. the SPED Administrator (the Po Leung Kuk).

Employers may submit their completed application forms together with the required documents by mail or by hand to the SWD through the referring organisations. No application fee is payable and each applicant may submit more than one application.

For enquiries, please contact the Po Leung Kuk SPED Office by phone at 3980 9677, by email at sped@poleungkuk.org.hk or by fax at 3980 9633.

Members of the public may visit the SWD website at www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_vocational/id_sped for the latest updates and to download the Information Note and application form.

April 2020 adjustment in ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department today (March 26) announced an adjustment to the auto-LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations from April 1 to April 30, 2020, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts of the dedicated LPG filling stations.

A department spokesman said that the adjustment on April 1, 2020, reflects the movement of the LPG international price in March 2020. The adjusted auto-LPG ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations will range from \$3.11 to \$3.67 per litre, representing a decrease of \$0.29 per litre.

The spokesman said that the auto-LPG ceiling prices were adjusted according to a specified pricing formula. The formula comprises two elements – the LPG international price and the LPG operating price. The LPG international price is the LPG international price of the preceding month. The LPG operating price is adjusted on the first day of February every year according to the movement in the Composite Consumer Price Index in the previous year.

The auto-LPG ceiling prices for respective dedicated LPG filling stations in April 2020 are as follows:

Location of Dedicated LPG Filling Station	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in April 2020 (HK\$/litre)	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in March 2020 (HK\$/litre)
Fung Yip Street, Chai Wan	3.67	3.96
Ngo Cheung Road, West Kowloon	3.67	3.96
Sham Mong Road, Mei Foo	3.33	3.62
Yip Wong Road, Tuen Mun	3.33	3.62
Marsh Road, Wan Chai	3.32	3.61
Fung Mat Road, Sheung Wan	3.25	3.54
Wai Lok Street, Kwun Tong	3.25	3.54
Yuen Chau Tsai, Tai Po	3.25	3.54
Cheung Yip Street, Kowloon Bay	3.30	3.59
Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung	3.30	3.59
Hang Yiu Street, Ma On Shan	3.11	3.40
Tak Yip Street, Yuen Long	3.11	3.40

The spokesman said that the details of the LPG international price and the auto-LPG ceiling price of each dedicated LPG filling station have been uploaded to the department website www.emsd.gov.hk. They are also posted at dedicated LPG filling stations to enable the trades to monitor the price adjustment.

Details of the pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations can also be viewed under the "What's New" section of the department website at www.emsd.gov.hk/en/what_s_new/current/index.html.

A female Police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 22-year-old female officer who is stationed in Sham Shui Po Police Station was preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). She is posted to a patrol sub-unit and has no travel history in the past 14 days. Whilst on duty yesterday (March 24), she felt unwell and was not involved in any frontline duties that required interaction with members of the public. She later went to a hospital for treatment and was preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

In the interest of public health, the Police have deployed the following measures:

1. Before further assessment by the Centre for Health Protection, the officers stationed at the same sub-unit will not conduct duties that require interaction with members of the public;

2. All officers working in Sham Shui Po Police Station are required to wear masks, and everyone entering the station needs to have their body temperature measured in order to ensure health safety;

3. Police have sterilised all facilities in the Police station concerned, including the report room and vehicles;

4. Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure provision of emergency services of the district concerned remains unaffected;

5. Police have reminded officers to reduce social contact to minimise risks of infection, and pay attention to physical health. If feeling unwell, they should consult a doctor and report the case.

Police are highly concerned about the case and will maintain close communication with the DH and provide assistance in tracing the pathology, by proactively providing information such as the duty record and roster of the officer concerned.

Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.