Four approved outline zoning plans referred back for amendment

The Town Planning Board announced today (July 19) that the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) has referred four approved outline zoning plans (OZPs) to the Board for amendment to reflect the latest land use proposals in the Pok Fu Lam, Tai Tong, Tong Yan San Tsuen and Ping Shan areas.

Each OZP incorporating the respective amendments will be exhibited for public inspection under the provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance.

The Pok Fu Lam, Tai Tong, Tong Yan San Tsuen and Ping Shan OZPs were last approved by the CE in C in August 2018, March 2012, September 2018 and October 2018 respectively.

<u>Applications open for participating in</u> <u>5G spectrum auctions</u>

The Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) today (July 19) published three information memoranda (IMs) to invite any interested parties to take part in the auctions of the 5G spectrum in the 3.3 GHz, 3.5 GHz and 4.9 GHz bands.

The Communications Authority (CA) announced on December 13, 2018, its decisions to assign by way of auction a total of 380 MHz of 5G spectrum, namely 100 MHz of spectrum in the 3.3 GHz band, 200 MHz of spectrum in the 3.5 GHz band and 80 MHz of spectrum in the 4.9 GHz band for the provision of 5G services in Hong Kong.

"The CA will hold auctions of the three frequency bands in succession, starting with the 3.5 GHz band auction to be held on October 14 this year, followed by the 4.9 GHz band auction and then the 3.3 GHz band auction. Parties interested in acquiring the 5G spectrum may have about two months to prepare their applications and submit them to OFCA on September 12 and 13," a spokesperson for OFCA said.

"The Government has set the auction reserve prices for the use of spectrum in the 3.3 GHz, 3.5 GHz and 4.9 GHz bands at \$2 million per MHz, \$4 million per MHz and \$3 million per MHz respectively. The actual amount of spectrum utilisation fees payable will be determined in the respective auctions," the spokesperson said.

"To avoid an unduly high concentration of spectrum being held in the hands of a single spectrum assignee, a spectrum cap of 70 MHz will be imposed on any assignee in the 3.5 GHz band auction, and a spectrum cap of 40 MHz will be imposed on any assignee in each of the 3.3 GHz band and 4.9 GHz band auctions," the spokesperson added.

Detailed arrangements of the three auctions are set out in the respective IMs, which can be downloaded from OFCA's website at:

For the 3.3 GHz band:

www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content 1170/3 3 ghz Auction IM.pdf

For the 3.5 GHz band:

www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content 1168/3 5 ghz Auction IM.pdf

For the 4.9 GHz band:

www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content 1169/4 9 ghz Auction IM.pdf

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, July 19, 2019 is 105.1 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

HA implements contingency measures for Ebola virus disease

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In view of the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Central Committee on Infectious Disease and Emergency Responses of the Hospital Authority (HA) today (July 19) convened an ad hoc meeting, which was joined by representatives from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), to discuss the risk assessment and preparedness of public hospitals. It was agreed that the following key measures will be implemented for early detection, isolation and diagnosis of possible cases to mitigate the risk of the virus being spread in Hong Kong.

- HA will enhance the monitoring and reporting of symptomatic patients, who have a travel history to the DRC in the past three weeks.
- The concerned patients will be transferred to the HA Infectious Disease

Centre for isolation and arrangement of clinical tests at the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the CHP, from which the test result will be available in a few hours.

• Frontline staff will be reminded of the appropriate infection control measures and personal protection equipment on the designated intranet website and news bulletins.

HA will continue to closely collaborate with the CHP to monitor developments and keep the general public and professionals posted on the most updated situation and relevant information. The enhanced measures will be reviewed at appropriate times.

<u>Appeal for information on missing boy</u> <u>in Tuen Mun (with photo)</u>

Police today (July 19) appealed to the public for information on a boy who went missing in Tuen Mun.

Sze Wa-yan, aged 15, went missing after he left his residence at Siu Lam Tsuen on July 4 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.6 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing boy or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories North on 3661 3128 or 6273 5787, or email to rmpu-ntn-1@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

