

HKMA E-banking Alert: Beware of unauthorised small-value payment transactions

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) has received reports from banks regarding eight cases of unauthorised small-value payment transactions over the past three weeks. These unauthorised transactions involve three banks and a total value of HKD 70,000. Based on the latest information, it is possible that the fraudsters have stolen the customers' Internet banking login passwords to perform small-value payment transactions.

In accordance with the HKMA's regulatory requirements, banks should notify a customer immediately after the customer initiates a small-value payment transaction. The said unauthorised transactions were detected after the customers contacted the banks upon receiving the notifications. The affected banks and customers have reported these cases to the Police. In accordance with the Code of Banking Practice, a customer should not be held responsible for any direct loss suffered by him or her as a result of unauthorised e-banking transactions unless he or she acts fraudulently or with gross negligence. Following this requirement, the banks have already compensated some of the customers, while the remaining cases are being processed.

The HKMA wishes to remind the public of the need to take suitable precautionary measures when using e-banking services in order to prevent these fraud cases from happening. These precautionary measures include:

- Setting e-banking passwords that are difficult to guess and different from the ones for other internet services, and regularly changing these passwords;
- Installing and promptly updating security software to protect their computers and mobile phones;
- Refraining from using public computers or public Wi-Fi to access e-banking accounts; and
- Checking their e-banking accounts from time to time and reviewing alert messages and statements issued by banks in a timely manner.

If members of the public find unauthorised transactions conducted over their accounts, they should contact their bank as soon as possible and report to the Police or contact the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre of the Police at 18222.

Members of the public are encouraged to study the following public educational materials on e-banking services:
www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/banking-stability/consumer-corner/strengthening-financial-consumer-protection/consumer-education-programme/internet-

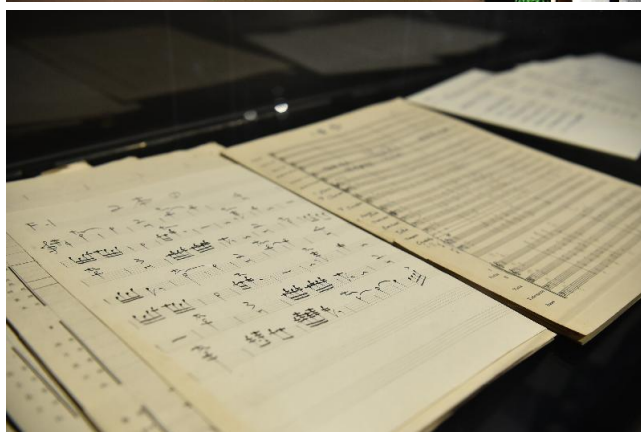
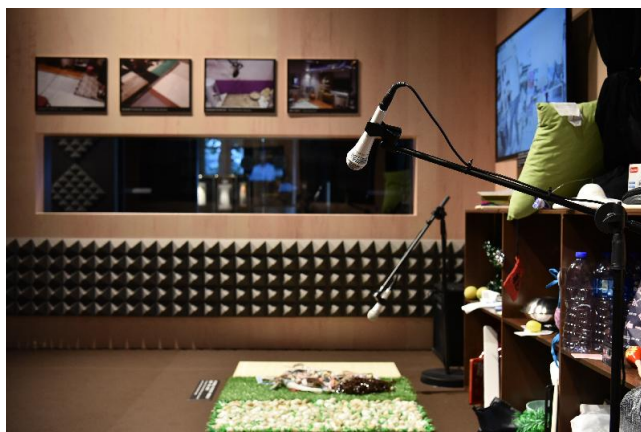
[Film Archive's "Invisible Perception – Film Scores and Sound Effects" exhibition to showcase the immense power of sound \(with photos\)](#)

Music and sound in films subtly create mood and tone, which in turn influence the emotion of the audience. The exhibition "Invisible Perception – Film Scores and Sound Effects", organised by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is being held from today (May 24) to August 25 at the Exhibition Hall of the HKFA. The exhibition showcases the development of sound films, as well as the technology and functions of film scores and sound effects.

In a simulated Foley studio, visitors to the exhibition will be able to experiment using props to create sound that matches the visuals in films. Visitors can also better understand the subtle relationship that exists between film scores and movies through interactive games and interview videos. The show also features a Nagra magnetic tape audio recorder used in the 1970s for recording sound and manuscripts for the film "Magnificent 72" (1980), composed by Yang Ping-chung.

To tie in with the exhibition, a seminar entitled "'Listen' to a Film – Living Scoring Performance" hosted by film score researcher Angela Law and film score composer Julian Chan, including a live music accompaniment demonstration by students of the Hong Kong Design Institute, will be held at 2pm on July 6 at the HKFA Cinema. Also, 10 sessions of 30-minute workshops entitled "A Different Cinematic Voice – Sound Effect" will be held between 1.30pm and 6pm on July 7 at the HKFA Exhibition Hall, where participants can try their hand at being Foley artists. Both the seminar and workshops will be conducted in Cantonese.

Admission to the exhibition, seminar and workshops is free. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/highlights/highlights54.html.



[SED to visit Beijing](#)

The Secretary for Education (SED), Mr Kevin Yeung, will leave Hong Kong in the afternoon next Monday (May 27) for a duty visit to Beijing.

On May 28, Mr Yeung will attend a regular liaison meeting with officials of the Ministry of Education to exchange views on education issues of mutual concern. He will also visit the Advanced Innovation Centre for Future Education of Beijing Normal University.

Officials accompanying Mr Yeung on his visit to Beijing will include the Permanent Secretary for Education, Mrs Ingrid Yeung; Deputy Secretaries for

Education Mr Rex Chang and Mrs Hong Chan Tsui-wah; and Principal Assistant Secretaries for Education Mr Benjamin Yung and Mr Lee Kam-kwong.

Mr Yeung will return to Hong Kong in the evening of the same day. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, will be the Acting SED.

Special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island

Police will implement special traffic arrangements this Sunday (May 26) to facilitate two public order events to be held on Hong Kong Island.

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A. Road closure

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 10.30am until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Westbound Hennessy Road;
- Queensway;
- Southbound Rodney Street;
- Harcourt Road; and
- Northbound Tim Mei Avenue.

If necessary, westbound Harcourt Road service road between Rodney Street and Cotton Tree Drive will be closed from about 10.30am until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal.

B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along northbound Justice Drive must turn left to westbound Queensway;
- Traffic from United Centre bus terminus must turn left to westbound Drake Street; and
- Traffic along westbound Harcourt Road near the exit of Harcourt Garden car park will be diverted to westbound Harcourt Road flyover.

(2)

A. Road closure

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 2.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Westbound Hennessy Road between Luard Road and Queensway;
- Westbound Queensway;
- Westbound Queen's Road Central;
- Queen's Road West between Queen's Road Central and Western Street;
- Westbound Connaught Road West between Western Street and Chiu Kwong Street;
- Western Street; and
- Northbound Chiu Kwong Street between Queen's Road West and Des Voeux Road West.

The following roads will be closed from about 2.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Northbound Luard Road between Johnston Road and Hennessy Road;
- Westbound Johnston Road between Ship Street and Landale Street;
- Eastbound Thomson Road between Johnston Road and Luard Road;
- Northbound Justice Drive between Justice Drive flyover and Queensway;
- Bank Street between Des Voeux Road Central and Queen's Road Central;
- Northbound Wyndham Street between Wellington Street and Queen's Road Central, except for vehicles heading to On Lan Street car park;
- Northbound Cochrane Street between Stanley Street and Queen's Road Central;
- Chiu Kwong Street between Des Voeux Road West and Connaught Road West;
- The leftmost lane of Connaught Road West flyover between Eastern Street and Water Street;
- If necessary, southbound Fenwick Street between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road; and
- If necessary, eastbound Johnston Road between Hennessy Road and Fenwick Street.

B. Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from about 2.30pm until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Traffic along Johnston Road cannot enter Luard Road;
- Traffic along Johnston Road cannot enter Thomson Road;
- Traffic along Tai Wong Street East must turn left to westbound Johnston Road;
- Traffic along westbound Johnston Road must turn left to Ship Street;
- Traffic along Lun Fat Street must turn right to eastbound Johnston Road;
- Traffic along eastbound Hennessy Road cannot turn right to southbound Fenwick Street, except for franchised buses and Green Minibuses;
- Traffic along southbound Fenwick Street must turn to Hennessy Road;
- Traffic along westbound Johnston Road from Landale Street must turn left to Anton Street;
- Traffic along westbound Hennessy Road cannot turn left to eastbound Johnston Road;
- Traffic along northbound Justice Drive cannot turn left to westbound Queensway;
- Traffic along westbound Queensway cannot enter westbound Des Voeux Road Central, except for franchised buses;
- Traffic along northbound Wyndham Street must turn left to westbound Wellington Street, except for vehicles heading to On Lan Street car park;

- Traffic along westbound Stanley Street must turn left to southbound Cochrane Street;
- Traffic along Queen's Road Central cannot turn left to southbound Possession Street; and
- Traffic along Connaught Road West cannot turn left to southbound Chiu Kwong Street.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on eastbound Thomson Road between Johnston Road and Luard Road will be suspended from 1pm to 6pm.

Vehicles may not be permitted to leave car parks along the routes during the road closure period.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Red tides sighted

Four red tides have been sighted over the past week, an inter-departmental red tide working group reported today (May 24).

Three of the red tides were spotted by staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on May 21 at Approach Beach, Lido Beach and Casam Beach, and Ting Kau Beach in Tsuen Wan. These three red tides have dissipated.

The fourth red tide was spotted by staff of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on May 21 in the western waters of Hong Kong (including Ma Wan Fish Culture Zone). This red tide still persists.

No associated death of fish has been reported so far in all red tides.

A spokesman for the working group said, "All four red tides were formed by *Phaeocystis globosa*, which is commonly found in Hong Kong waters. According to overseas studies, *Phaeocystis globosa* can produce foam that may cause harmful effects to fish."

The AFCD urged mariculturists at the Ma Wan and Cheung Sha Wan fish culture zones to monitor the situation closely and increase aeration where necessary.

Red tide is a natural phenomenon. The AFCD's proactive phytoplankton monitoring programme will continue to monitor red tide occurrences to

minimise the impact on the mariculture industry and the public.