OGCIO rolls out Catch the Innovation Campaign (with photos)

The Government Chief Information Officer, Mr Victor Lam, announced today (June 30) the launch of the Catch the Innovation Campaign by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) to inspire more innovative applications in public services with a view to driving smart government development. An innovation competition themed "Leading Towards Robotics Technologies", the highlight of the Campaign, will accept innovative proposals submitted by government staff starting from today. Winning proposals will have the chance to be implemented in relevant departments to facilitate the delivery of innovative and convenient public services.

The "Leading Towards Robotics Technologies" Innovation Competition will be held in two stages. In the first stage, starting today, government staff are invited to submit proposals which can effectively adopt robotics technologies in enhancing public services on an individual or team basis by August 31. A series of seminars and workshops will also be held for government staff by the Smart Government Innovation Lab (Smart LAB) of the OGCIO in July and August to strengthen the robotics technology know-how of interested participants and stimulate their creativity.

Ten finalists will be shortlisted by the Judging Panel from the proposals received for the second stage of the Competition. These 10 shortlisted proposals will be matched by Smart LAB with the industry (including local start-ups) for a six-month proof-of-concept exercise to test their feasibility by allowing the participants to apply the appropriate technologies and local R&D results. All 10 shortlisted proposals will put on trials in relevant government departments with an aim of enhancing the quality and efficiency of public services, thus allowing the public to enjoy the advantages brought about by innovation and technology (I&T) in the delivery of quality public services. Details and terms of the Competition are available on the website of Smart LAB (www.smartlab.gov.hk).

Mr Lam called on colleagues from different government departments to take part in the Competition at today's online "Robotics Technology for Public Services" Technology Forum organised by Smart LAB. He said, "The Catch the Innovation Campaign aims at nurturing a more vibrant I&T culture within the Government and forging closer collaboration with the industry, thereby providing the public with innovative and convenient user experiences. As one of the key trends in smart city development, robotics technology will definitely open up enormous opportunities for us."

The Catch the Innovation Campaign is organised by the OGCIO with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department as the strategic advisor and the Hong Kong Productivity Council as the implementer. The campaign consists of a series of events including seminars on emerging technologies, workshops, information technology case sharing and online exchanges. The result of the

"Leading Towards Robotics Technologies" Innovation Competition will be announced in mid-2021.

Red flag lowered at Deep Water Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (June 30) that the red flag at Deep Water Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island, has been lowered and the beach has been reopened.

The beach was closed earlier on after an oil spill.

Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

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

Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results:

Tender date : June 30, 2020

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : 02027

Issue date : July 2, 2020

Maturity date : September 30, 2020

Amount applied : HK\$113,950 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$57,367 MN

Average yield accepted : 0.11 PCT Highest yield accepted : 0.24 PCT

Pro rata ratio : About 11 PCT Average tender yield : 0.26 PCT

Tender date : June 30, 2020

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2056

Issue date : July 2, 2020

Maturity date : December 30, 2020

Amount applied : HK\$52,000 MNAmount allotted : HK\$17,400 MN

Average yield accepted : 0.10 PCT Highest yield accepted : 0.11 PCT

Pro rata ratio : About 97 PCT Average tender yield : 0.27 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning July 6:

Tender date : July 7, 2020
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : 02028

Issue date : July 8, 2020 Maturity date : October 7, 2020

Tenor : 91 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$59,313 MN

Tender date : July 7, 2020
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H2057

Issue date : July 8, 2020 Maturity date : January 6, 2021

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$18,000 MN

Tender date : July 7, 2020
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Y2091

Issue date : July 8, 2020 Maturity date : July 7, 2021 Tenor : 364 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$5,000 MN

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 is 107.8 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Fraudulent websites related to Bank of Singapore Limited

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Bank of Singapore Limited on fraudulent websites, which has been reported to the HKMA. Hyperlink to the press release is available on the HKMA website for ease of reference by members of the public.

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the websites concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the websites should contact the bank concerned using the contact information provided in the press release, and report to the Police or contact the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.