

# Celebration events for 23rd anniversary of establishment of HKSAR

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, and senior government officials will attend a flag-raising ceremony and reception on Wednesday (July 1) to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The flag-raising ceremony will be held at Golden Bauhinia Square outside the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) at 8am. The Police Band will perform at the ceremony and two singers, Mr Chen Yong and Ms Joyce Wong, will sing the national anthem, followed by a fly-past and a sea parade by the disciplined services.

In view of the current public health risk, no public viewing area will be set up for the flag-raising ceremony on July 1.

The celebration reception, led by the Chief Executive, will be held at the Grand Hall on 3/F of the HKCEC after the flag-raising ceremony.

Motorists are reminded that Golden Bauhinia Square and the nearby area will be designated as a restricted zone by the Police.

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## Appointments to Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals

The Government today (June 29) announced the appointment of the Chairperson and members of the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals for a two-year term from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022.

The Committee advises the Director of Immigration on applications received under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals.

The Committee will be chaired by Mr Chow Chung-kong and comprise 19 non-official members. The non-official membership (in alphabetical order of family names) is as follows:

Mr Chow Chung-kong (Chairperson)  
Dr Daniel Chan Ching-yan

Ms Rainy Chan Nor-ka  
Ms Michelle Cheng\*  
Professor Cheng Shuk-han  
Mr Human Cheung  
Mr He Yi-ming\*  
Mr Andy Hei Kao-chiang\*  
Dr Gabriel Hung Bing-kei\*  
Mr Albert Lee\*  
Ms Sylvia Lee Hiu-wah\*  
Mr Anthony Leung Ming-tim  
Mr Jerome Leung Ty\*  
Dr Liu Yuk-shing  
Ms Anthea Lo Wing-sze  
Ms Prudence Mak Ngar-tuen\*  
Mrs Lillian Okusako Chan Pui-shan  
Ms So Ching  
Ms Ellen Tsang Fung-chu  
Mr Woo King-hang\*

\* Newly appointed

Ex-officio members on the Committee are representatives from the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Security Bureau and the Labour Department.

"We are grateful to the Committee for the service over the past two years and have benefited from their wise counsel. We look forward to the valuable advice from Chairperson, Mr Chow Chung-kong, re-appointed members as well as the new members," a Government spokesman said.

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## Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, June 29, 2020 is 107.7 (down 0.1 against last Saturday's index).

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, June 27, 2020 is 107.8 (same as last Friday's index).

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## Launch of CCF living subsidy for non-

## public housing and non-CSSA households (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Community Care Fund Secretariat:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) today (June 29) announced the launch of the first round of the "One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)" programme (the 2020 Programme) on July 2 and the launch of the second round of the programme (the 2021 Programme) next January to relieve financial pressure on low-income households. The programmes are administered by the CCF Secretariat, with over 200 service units operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to accept and carry out initial processing of applications.

Announcing the details at a media briefing today, the Chairperson of the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty, Dr Law Chi-kwong, said that the CCF has set aside around \$1,118.18 million to implement the 2020 Programme. It is estimated that about 105 500 households (or about 272 000 persons) will benefit. As regards the 2021 Programme, the CCF has allocated around \$1,447.73 million, expecting to benefit about 137 150 households (or about 353 600 persons).

The CCF launched the programmes in 2013, 2015 and 2016. The subsidy levels of the 2020 Programme are \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person households, \$12,500 for three-person households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for five-or-more-person households.

Beneficiaries should currently be renting accommodation on a monthly basis (or for longer tenures) in private housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing operated by NGOs; renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme or bedspaces in hostels operated by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; residing in temporary housing; living on board vessels; or be homeless. Their monthly income must not exceed the specified limits. They should not be receiving CSSA or own any property in Hong Kong. For persons renting accommodation in private housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing, their monthly rent should not exceed the specified rent limits. The specified income and rent limits are as follows:

Household Size (persons)	Monthly Household Income Limit (\$)	Monthly Rent Limit (\$) (if applicable)
1	15,100	7,550
2	22,000	11,000
3	26,800	13,400

4	33,500	16,750
5	36,900	18,450
6 or above	40,800	20,400

Eligible households that benefited from the programme launched for the third time in 2016 need to submit a new application for the 2020 Programme. In order to spread out applications in anticipation of the large number of beneficiaries, the CCF Secretariat will accept applications from eligible households in phases. The details are as follows:

From July 2 onwards	One-person households
From August 3 onwards	Two-person households
From September 1 onwards	Three-person households
From October 5 onwards	All eligible households (irrespective of the household size)

The application period of the 2020 Programme will last until November 30 this year, so as to allow ample time for households to submit applications.

Eligible households should submit applications together with copies of all the required documents to respective service units near their residences either in person or by post. Households comprising solely elderly persons aged 60 or above, households comprising solely young persons aged 24 or below or the homeless can submit applications to elderly service units, youth service units or service units accepting applications from the homeless respectively.

The Secretariat and service units will vet each application, including verifying the eligibility, checking the supporting documents submitted, and conducting home visits/income tests on selected applications. The Secretariat will issue notifications of results to applicants after vetting applications and disburse the subsidy to eligible households. If households choose to receive the subsidy through bank transfer, the subsidy will be deposited into the bank accounts as specified in their application forms through autopay. For households who choose to receive the subsidy in the form of order cheques, the service units concerned will inform them to collect the cheques in person at the service units at the specified time.

Eligible households can obtain application forms and programme briefs from service units, Public Enquiry Service Centres of the Home Affairs Department in various districts, District Social Welfare Offices of the Social Welfare Department and the Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities, or download them from the CCF website ([www.communitycarefund.hk](http://www.communitycarefund.hk)) starting from July 2.

In addition, the CCF will launch the 2021 Programme next January. The target beneficiaries, the eligibility criteria and the subsidy amount of the 2021 Programme will be the same as the 2020 Programme. The households who

have benefited in the 2020 Programme do not need to submit a new application for the 2021 Programme. The CCF Secretariat will issue a letter to these households from late January 2021 and they are required to reply to the CCF Secretariat by the specified deadline as indicated in the letter so as to receive the subsidy. Eligible households who have not benefited in the 2020 Programme can also submit applications in phases according to household size during January and May 2021. Details will be announced around the end of 2020.

For details of the 2020 Programme, please visit the CCF website or call the Secretariat hotline on 2180 6666.



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## [Fraudulent website related to China CITIC Bank International 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 China CITIC Bank International Limited on fraudulent website, 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 website concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the website 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.