Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (June 5), three COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 857, 1059 and 1087) were discharged from hospital in the past 24 hours. So far, a total of 1 045 patients with confirmed or probable infections have been discharged.

At present, there are 651 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 211 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 51 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in nine hospitals, among which two patients are in critical condition (case numbers: 595 and 1084), and the remaining 49 patients are in stable condition.

In addition, the Hospital Authority's (HA) latest stockpile of personal protective equipment comprised 27 million surgical masks, 2.4 million N95 respirators, 4.2 million protective gowns and 7 million face shields, adequate for almost three months of consumption.

The HA will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

<u>Fraudulent website related to Union</u> Bancaire Privée, UBP SA

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 Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA 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.

Temporary closure of Kwai Shing Swimming Pool

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 announced today (June 5) that due to maintenance works on water mains, the Kwai Shing Swimming Pool in Kwai Tsing District has been temporarily closed.

It will be reopened at 6.30am tomorrow (June 6).

Hong Kong's latest foreign currency reserve assets figures released

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (June 5) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$442.3 billion as at the end of May 2020 (end-April 2020: US\$441.3 billion) (Annex).

Including unsettled foreign exchange contracts, the foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong at the end of May 2020 amounted to US\$440.8 billion (end-April 2020: US\$440.8 billion).

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$442.3 billion represent over six times the currency in circulation or about 46 per cent of Hong Kong dollar M3.

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release,

on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of June 2020, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

June 5	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
June 12	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
June 30	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
June 30	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, June 5, 2020 is 107.9 (down 0.6 against yesterday's index).