

LegCo to continue to consider amendments to Appropriation Bill 2020

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (May 13) at 11am and Thursday (May 14) at 9am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will continue to consider the amendments to the Appropriation Bill 2020. Mr Wu Chi-wai, Ms Claudia Mo, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr Chan Chi-chuen, Mr Kwong Chun-yu, Mr Alvin Yeung, Mr Dennis Kwok, Mr Chu Hoi-dick, Dr Fernando Cheung, Mr James To, Ms Tanya Chan, Mr Andrew Wan, Dr Helena Wong, Dr Kwok Ka-ki, Mr Jeremy Tam and Mr Hui Chi-fung will move a total of 52 amendments. Details of the amendments are set out in the Appendix.

Meanwhile, Members will also ask the Government 13 questions on various policy areas, all of which require written replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (May 11), in the past 24 hours three COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 668, 904 and 1024) were discharged from hospitals. So far, a total of 985 confirmed and suspected patients have been discharged.

At present, there are 673 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 251 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 59 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 13 hospitals, among which one patient is in critical condition (case number: 595), four patients are in serious condition (case numbers: 338, 461, 713 and 857), and the remaining 54 patients are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority 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.

CHP announces no new local confirmed cases of COVID-19 today

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has announced that as of 4pm today (May 11), no new local confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been recorded, and that the number of cases in Hong Kong remains at 1 048 so far (comprising 1 047 confirmed cases and one probable case).

Meanwhile, the CHP is investigating an overseas case. The case involves a 70-year-old female patient who took flight BA27 (economy class) on British Airways from London arriving in Hong Kong on May 10. Her deep throat saliva sample tested positive for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 and she was transferred directly from Hong Kong International Airport to Queen Elizabeth Hospital for management. She is currently in a stable condition. According to the patient, she had received a test whose result was positive for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in the United Kingdom (UK). The CHP has contacted the health authority in the UK to obtain more information about the case.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "All recent reported cases recorded locally had a travel history during the incubation period. The CHP urges members of the public arriving in Hong Kong to approach the DH's Port Health Division (PHD) officers immediately for follow-up when respiratory symptoms develop. Passengers who have been confirmed as COVID-19 cases abroad, even if they are asymptomatic currently, should approach PHD officers upon arrival to reveal their relevant history for appropriate follow-up by the DH."

Meanwhile, the CHP has noticed that a number of Hong Kong residents, who were earlier stranded in areas of unknown epidemic situation, have been returning to Hong Kong lately. These areas include Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and South Africa. Given limited epidemic information available on the above areas and after reviewing the capacity of quarantine centres, the DH will adopt a prudent approach for these returnees. The DH will continue the current arrangement of transferring the returnees from the above areas (including those arriving by chartered flights or other flights) in coaches to the quarantine centre for a 14-day compulsory quarantine period after collecting their deep throat saliva samples at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre at AsiaWorld-Expo for compulsory COVID-19 testing upon arrival. The CHP will closely monitor the situation locally and overseas, and will adjust the arrangement in a timely manner if necessary.

The CHP urged members of the public to maintain an appropriate social

distance with other people as far as possible in their daily lives. In particular, they should go out less and avoid social activities such as meal gatherings or other gatherings to reduce the chance of infection by contact with infected persons, who may not present any symptoms, and minimise the risk of outbreak clusters emerging in the community.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "Given that the situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

"The CHP also strongly urges the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene, which is key to personal protection against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the community. On a personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask if having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly, regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps) and cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use. After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

The CHP has set up hotlines (2125 1111 and 2125 1122), which operate from 8am to midnight daily, for public enquiries. As at 3pm today, a total of 109 801 calls had been received.

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk) for announcing the latest updates on various news on COVID-19 infections and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infection, members of the public should always maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs, or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing;
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- Cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative;
 - Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly; and
 - If having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.
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Tender of 2-Year Exchange Fund Notes to be held on May 20

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announces that a tender of 2-year Exchange Fund Notes will be held on May 20 (Wednesday) for settlement on May 21 (Thursday), as set out in the tentative issuance schedule announced on February 14, 2020. This is to roll over an issue of 2-year Exchange Fund Notes maturing on the same day.

A total of HK\$1,200 million 2-year Notes will be on offer, of which HK\$5 million will be made available for offer to members of the Public who wish to submit non-competitive tender bids through Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (HKSCC). If the Notes reserved for non-competitive tender are under-subscribed, the non-subscribed amount will be added to the portion of notes for competitive tender (initially set at HK\$1,195 million). The Notes will mature on May 23, 2022 and will carry interest at the rate of 0.33 per cent per annum payable semi-annually in arrears.

Members of the public who wish to submit non-competitive tender applications for Notes that are open to HKSCC may do so through Stock Exchange Participants/Brokers, or for those who hold Investor Accounts of the Central Clearing and Settlement System (CCASS) at the HKSCC, directly through HKSCC, for submission to the HKMA for processing. Competitive tender applications for the Notes must be submitted through any of the Eligible Market Makers appointed by the HKMA, with the current published list available on the HKMA's website at www.hkma.gov.hk. Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000 or integral multiples thereof for both competitive and non-competitive tender.

The tender results will be published on the HKMA's website, the Reuters screen (HKMA00E), and Bloomberg. Applicants who submitted non-competitive

tender bids through HKSCC may also obtain the tender results from Stock Exchange Participants/Brokers, or for applicants who hold Investor Accounts at HKSCC's CCASS from the CCASS terminal for CCASS Broker/Custodian/Participants and CCASS Phone System.

HKMA Exchange Fund Note Programme Tender Information

Tender information of 2-Year Exchange Fund Notes:

Issue Number	:	02Y2205
Stock code	:	4080 (EFN 0.33 2205)
Tender date and time	:	May 20, 2020 (Wednesday) 9.30am to 10.30am
Issue and Settlement Date	:	May 21, 2020 (Thursday)
Amount on offer	:	HK\$1,200 million (up to HK\$5 million for non-competitive tender)
Commencement of/ Deadline for submission of non- competitive tender bids by retail investors through HKSCC	:	Please refer to requirements as set down by HKSCC
Maturity	:	Two years
Maturity Date	:	May 23, 2022 (Monday)
Interest Rate	:	0.33 per cent p.a.
Interest Payment Dates	:	November 23, 2020 May 21, 2021 November 22, 2021 May 23, 2022

Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000 or integral multiples thereof for both competitive and non-competitive tender. Members of the public who wish to apply for the Notes through non-competitive tenders that are open to HKSCC may do so through Stock Exchange Participants/ Brokers, or for those who hold Investors Accounts at HKSCC's CCASS, directly through HKSCC. Members of the public who wish to apply for the Notes through competitive tender may only do so through any of the Eligible Market Makers on the current published list.

Tender amount :

Please see Information Memorandum published or approach Eligible Market Makers, HKSCC, or brokers who are Exchange Participants of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

Other details :

Expected commencement date of dealing on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong : May 22, 2020 (Friday)

Price/Yield Table of the new EFN at tender for reference* only :

Yield-to-Maturity	Price	Yield-to-Maturity	Price
-0.670	102.02	0.330	100.00
-0.620	101.92	0.380	99.90
-0.570	101.81	0.430	99.80
-0.520	101.71	0.480	99.70
-0.470	101.61	0.530	99.60
-0.420	101.51	0.580	99.51
-0.370	101.41	0.630	99.41
-0.320	101.31	0.680	99.31
-0.270	101.20	0.730	99.21
-0.220	101.10	0.780	99.11
-0.170	101.00	0.830	99.01
-0.120	100.90	0.880	98.92
-0.070	100.80	0.930	98.82
-0.020	100.70	0.980	98.72
0.030	100.60	1.030	98.62
0.080	100.50	1.080	98.53
0.130	100.40	1.130	98.43
0.180	100.30	1.180	98.33
0.230	100.20	1.230	98.23
0.280	100.10	1.280	98.14
0.330	100.00	1.330	98.04

*Disclaimer: The information provided here is for reference only. Although extreme care has been taken to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up-to-date, the HKMA does not warrant that all, or any part of, the information provided is accurate in all respects. You are encouraged to conduct your own enquiries to verify any particular piece of information provided on it. The HKMA shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered as a result of any use or reliance on any of the information provided here.

Cash subsidy for individual licensees in estate agency sector under Anti-epidemic Fund

The Government has earmarked \$135 million under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund to provide a cash subsidy to individual licensees in the estate agency sector with a view to reducing the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on estate agents.

The Government will provide a one-off cash subsidy to each eligible licensee of a salesperson's licence and an estate agent's licence (individual). The subsidy amount is equal to the 24-month licence fee of the respective licences. For a salesperson's licence, the amount is \$2,510; for an estate agent's licence (individual), the amount is \$3,930. It is estimated that the measure will benefit about 40 000 individual licensees.

"There is no need to submit an application for the cash subsidy. The Government will provide the cash subsidy to the eligible licensees by batches through the Estate Agents Authority (EAA). The first batch of subsidy is expected to be disbursed in late May 2020", a spokesperson for the Transport and Housing Bureau said today (May 11).

For details on the disbursement of the cash subsidy, please visit the EAA's website (www.eaa.org.hk/en-us/).