

Green I&T Day promotes energy efficiency and conservation as well as renewable energy (with photos)

The Environment Bureau (ENB) and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) held a Green I&T Day today (August 6) to showcase Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T) achievements in relation to energy efficiency and conservation, and renewable energy (RE). The event in Hong Kong Science Park attracted over 600 participants from sectors including I&T, the electrical and mechanical trade, universities and public organisations. The aim is to promote public awareness in energy conservation and the use of RE by various sectors of the community through the application of I&T.

Speaking at the Green I&T Day launch ceremony, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, said that the ENB has set out energy saving and carbon reduction targets for Hong Kong in the Energy Saving Plan for Hong Kong's Built Environment 2015~2025+ and Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2030+ respectively over the past few years. He added that smart applications of I&T would help achieve the targets, thereby helping to mitigate climate change, while the Government will lead by example and encourage the community to take part in promoting energy saving initiatives and RE development.

The Green I&T Day brought together more than 30 local and Mainland exhibitors to demonstrate their I&T achievements in energy conservation and RE. Various seminars featured experts from Hong Kong and the Mainland, who shared their experiences in combating climate change with I&T solutions. The EMSD also signed memorandums of co-operation with the Guangdong Provincial Association for Science and Technology and the Guangdong Productivity Centre respectively to enhance I&T cooperation between Guangdong and Hong Kong.

The Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Alfred Sit, said that the EMSD has collaborated extensively with academia and the trade to promote I&T related to electrical and mechanical services. The EMSD will continue to act as the facilitator and promoter in bringing to stakeholders' attention the latest I&T solutions.

On June 11 this year, the EMSD signed a memorandum of co-operation with five local universities and seven research institutions to establish a strategic partnership to promote the E&M InnoPortal, an online platform for I&T collaboration, to support the application of I&T within government departments to improve their services and enhance efficiency. For details of the E&M InnoPortal of the EMSD, please visit the thematic website (inno.emsd.gov.hk).



Three persons and company fined for illegal waste disposal involving use of vehicles

Three persons and a company involved in five cases of illegal waste disposal with the use of vehicles were convicted and fined a total of \$13,500 at Fanling and Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts today (August 6) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO) and the Public Cleansing and

Prevention of Nuisances Regulation. In addition to the above cases, 19 other cases of the same kind are scheduled for hearings in Magistrates' Courts in different districts.

In January and February, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) traced five cases of illegal waste disposal on Lok Shan Road in To Kwa Wan, at a car park in Sha Kok Mei in Sai Kung and on Tsing Sheung Road in Tsing Yi based on reports from members of the public and videos recorded by the department's surveillance camera systems. After collecting evidence, the department brought two vehicle owners, a driver and a company involved in the cases to justice. The waste deposited included wooden boards, pieces of glass and furniture. The waste deposited not only caused obstruction to passages, but also caused environmental hygiene problems. One of the vehicle owners was recorded illegally disposing of waste two times in several days by the department's surveillance camera systems. The vehicle owner was convicted and fined a total of \$6,000 by the court on the same day for the aforementioned offences.

An EPD spokesman reminded all practitioners of the renovation, construction and transportation sectors, including persons-in-charge of construction sites, workers and drivers as well as owners of goods vehicles, that they must properly deliver construction waste and commercial as well as industrial waste to the government waste management facilities in accordance with the law. It is unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. Under the WDO, offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment on first conviction. A maximum fine of \$500,000 and six months' imprisonment may be imposed on subsequent conviction. According to the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, it is an offence to dispose of waste on the streets or in public places from vehicles, including goods vehicles, private cars and motorcycles. The registered owners concerned may be prosecuted. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and six months' imprisonment on first conviction.

The spokesman said the department has installed round-the-clock intelligent surveillance camera systems at illegal waste disposal black spots in different districts. The spokesman also urged members of the public to make a report to the department if they witness anyone illegally disposing of waste in other places. They can record videos or take photos and call the EPD hotline at 2838 3111 with a view to extending to all the deterrent message of "Stop illegal dumping. Someone is watching".

Clarification on rumours about CE's leave

In respect of rumours on the Internet today (August 6) that the

Information Services Department (ISD) this morning issued a press release saying that the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, would proceed on leave for seven days starting from this Saturday, a Government spokesman stated that the information is completely untrue and the Chief Executive has no plan to take leave.

The ISD did not issue the alleged press release this morning as mentioned in the rumours. For press releases issued by the department this morning, please visit www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201908/06.htm.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 is 106.6 (same as yesterday's index).

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

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| Tender date | : August 6, 2019 |
| Paper on offer | : EF Bills |
| Issue number | : Q1932 |
| Issue date | : August 7, 2019 |
| Maturity date | : November 6, 2019 |
| Amount applied | : HK\$86,865 MN |
| Amount allotted | : HK\$41,184 MN |
| Average yield accepted | : 2.14 PCT |
| Highest yield accepted | : 2.21 PCT |
| Pro rata ratio | : About 74 PCT |
| Average tender yield | : 2.22 PCT |

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| Tender date | : August 6, 2019 |
| Paper on offer | : EF Bills |
| Issue number | : H1961 |
| Issue date | : August 7, 2019 |
| Maturity date | : February 5, 2020 |

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| Amount applied | : HK\$25,005 MN |
| Amount allotted | : HK\$11,000 MN |
| Average yield accepted | : 2.13 PCT |
| Highest yield accepted | : 2.23 PCT |
| Pro rata ratio | : About 100 PCT |
| Average tender yield | : 2.24 PCT |

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| Tender date | : August 6, 2019 |
| Paper on offer | : EF Bills |
| Issue number | : Y1992 |
| Issue date | : August 7, 2019 |
| Maturity date | : August 5, 2020 |
| Amount applied | : HK\$16,132 MN |
| Amount allotted | : HK\$5,000 MN |
| Average yield accepted | : 1.94 PCT |
| Highest yield accepted | : 2.00 PCT |
| Pro rata ratio | : About 48 PCT |
| Average tender yield | : 2.06 PCT |

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning August 12, 2019:

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| Tender date | : August 13, 2019 |
| Paper on offer | : EF Bills |
| Issue number | : Q1933 |
| Issue date | : August 14, 2019 |
| Maturity date | : November 13, 2019 |
| Tenor | : 91 Days |
| Amount on offer | : HK\$45,081 MN |

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Tender date | : August 13, 2019 |
| Paper on offer | : EF Bills |
| Issue number | : H1962 |
| Issue date | : August 14, 2019 |
| Maturity date | : February 12, 2020 |
| Tenor | : 182 Days |
| Amount on offer | : HK\$10,000 MN |