

"HA Risk Alert" latest issue published

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The 54th issue of "HA Risk Alert" is published today (July 26) by the Hospital Authority (HA) as a risk management and communication initiative to further strengthen the reporting and monitoring of medical incidents in public hospitals.

In the first quarter of 2019 (January – March), there were 12 Sentinel Events reported, including four cases of retained instrument after surgery/interventional procedure, five cases of inpatient suicide, one case of wrong side procedure, one case of maternal morbidity four days after delivery and one case of other categories. Among the 16 reported Serious Untoward Events, all were related to medication error.

"Subsequent to incident review and analysis of root causes of these incidents, important lessons of patient safety are identified, while recommendations are made and shared in this publication to avoid similar events in future," the HA spokesperson said.

The Hospital Authority Head Office has released the latest "HA Risk Alert" to all staff. It can also be accessed by the public at www.ha.org.hk/riskalert. "HA Risk Alert" is published on a quarterly basis and posted on the HA website every last working Friday in the month of January, April, July and October. The next issue is scheduled for October 25 (Friday).

Appointments to Air Transport Licensing Authority

The Government announced today (July 26) the appointment of a new member, Ms Kelly Chan Yuen-sau, and the re-appointment of two incumbent members, namely Mr Nelson Lam Chi-yuen and Miss Mabel Chan Mei-bo, to the Air Transport Licensing Authority for two years from August 1, 2019.

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, said, "We are confident that the team of new and serving members, with their expertise and backgrounds in different sectors, will make valuable contributions to the work of the Authority in facilitating the development of air services in Hong Kong.

"The Government is most grateful to the retiring member, Ms Ivy Cheung Wing-han, for her invaluable contributions during her six years with the

Authority. Her current term of service will expire on July 31, 2019."

The Authority is an independent statutory body established under the Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations, Cap. 448 sub. leg. A. It is responsible for considering applications from airlines of Hong Kong for licences to operate scheduled services to and from Hong Kong in accordance with the provisions of the said regulations.

The appointments have been published in the Government Gazette today.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, July 26, 2019 is 105.2(up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Judicial appointment

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (July 26) announced the appointment of Mr Keith Yeung Kar-hung, SC, as Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The appointment will take effect from July 29, 2019.

The appointment is made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

The biographical note of Mr Keith Yeung Kar-hung, SC, is as follows:

Mr Yeung, SC, was born in 1964 in Hong Kong. He obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1986 and 1987 respectively. He was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1987. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2009. He was in private practice from 1988 to 2013. He took up the appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions of the Department of Justice from 2013 to 2017. He has been appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

“Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics (2019 Edition)” published

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (July 26) a publication entitled "Women and Men in Hong Kong – Key Statistics (2019 Edition)".

This publication is compiled by the C&SD to serve as a ready source of information for those interested in the situation of women and men, and gender equality in Hong Kong. It draws together sex-disaggregated statistics and indicators from a wide variety of sources with a view to depicting the situation of women and men in major economic and social spheres. The key sex-disaggregated statistics contained in the publication are shown in Table 1.

Users can download this publication free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp180.jsp?productCode=B1130303).

Enquiries about the contents of this publication can be directed to the Social Statistics Branch of the C&SD (Tel: 2887 0592 or email: thematic@censtatd.gov.hk).