### CA creates new localised wireless broadband service licence

The following is issued on behalf of the Communications Authority:

The Communications Authority (CA) today (July 5) announced the creation of a new localised wireless broadband service (LWBS) licence for the administrative assignment of up to 400~MHz of spectrum in the 26~GHz band (24.25-27.5~GHz) and 28~GHz band (27.5-28.35~GHz) on a geographically sharing basis (Shared Spectrum) to facilitate the development of innovative wireless communications services based on fifth generation (5G) or other advanced mobile technologies.

A spokesperson for the CA said, "The Shared Spectrum under the LWBS licence will be assigned on a geographically sharing basis, for use in different specified locations such as university campuses, industrial estates, the airport and technology parks. It may also be used to support fixed wireless access or smart city applications. Assignees may each deploy the Shared Spectrum as assigned to provide localised network coverage in their specified locations having aggregate specified areas of not exceeding 50 square kilometres."

The spokesperson continued, "The arrangement aims to encourage the development of innovative services and applications with use of 5G technologies, including those underpinning the smart city initiatives. The services to be provided with the use of the Shared Spectrum under the LWBS licence would be distinct from conventional public mobile services, and would in general be confined to wireless data-centric communications for specific groups of users."

The validity period of the LWBS Licence is five years and may be extended at the discretion of the CA for a further period of up to five years. The annual licence fee for the LWBS Licence consists of a fixed fee of \$100,000, and variable fees based on the number of base stations and LWBS devices in use and the amount of spectrum assigned.

Invitation for submission of applications for the LWBS Licence will be launched in a couple of weeks. To facilitate the introduction of innovative services as technologies evolve and demands arise, applications for assignment of the Shared Spectrum may be submitted at any time after the commencement of the application process, and the administrative assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Flag-raising ceremony suspended

Owing to the maintenance works on the flag poles and the podium at the Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai, the flag-raising ceremony scheduled at 8am today (July 5) will be suspended.

# Pearl River Delta Region Air Traffic Management Planning and Implementation Tripartite Working Group high-level meeting held in Hangzhou

The Director-General of the Air Traffic Management Bureau (ATMB) of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), Mr Che Jinjun; the Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr Simon Li; and the President of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Macao Special Administrative Region, Mr Chan Wenghong, attended the Pearl River Delta (PRD) Region Air Traffic Management Planning and Implementation Tripartite Working Group (TWG) high-level meeting in Hangzhou today (July 4). They were briefed on the work progress of the Airspace Management Technical Sub-group and the Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Technical Sub-group under the TWG, and discussed measures to enhance the efficiency of airspace management and regional ATFM in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

At the meeting, the senior management of the three parties agreed that progress has been made in a number of areas since the last meeting in September 2018. Firstly, with regard to airspace optimisation and air traffic management enhancement, the Airspace Management Technical Sub-group has just accomplished the first stage of Fast Time Simulation (FTS) work of modelling and simulation of the airspace and air traffic in the GBA with the use of the FTS software. Based on the current airspace operation integrating with the flight data, a model was constructed with a high degree of resemblance to the genuine ones. In the next stage, the TWG will make use of the FTS software to carry out assessment and analysis and will complete the simulation work this year. The TWG will formulate specific measures to further optimise airspace and air traffic management based on the results of the assessment and analysis.

The TWG is also committed to adopting a multi-pronged approach to improve the efficiency of ATFM in the region. Since the full utilisation of Route M503 last year, the overall capacity of the air routes between Hong

Kong and Shanghai Pudong International Airport has been enhanced. In addition to the strengthening of the ATFM coordination mechanism, the on-time performance of flights departing from Hong Kong to the Mainland has shown improvement. The TWG will continue to study the gradual increase in the usage rates of air routes connecting Hong Kong, Macao and eastern region of the Mainland and improve the ATFM coordination mechanism to cater for inclement weather affecting an extensive area, so as to meet the growing demand for air traffic in the region in the long run.

Mr Li said that the TWG has made encouraging progress in various aspects. With the support of the CAAC ATMB, the TWG will continue to take forward ATM enhancement measures to progressively achieve the ultimate target runway capacity of 102 air traffic movements per hour under the Three-Runway System at Hong Kong International Airport and support a sustainable development of other airports in the region, and promote the healthy development of the air transport industry in the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao, so as to achieve greater synergy in the GBA's airspace and create an airport economic area with mutual benefit and international influence.

## <u>Appeal for information on missing maning Tin Sum (with photo)</u>

Police today (July 4) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Tin Sum.

Lai Sai-kou, aged 82, went missing after he left his residence in Sun Chui Estate yesterday afternoon (July 3). His family made a report to Police today.

He is about 1.7 metres tall, 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a light blue short-sleeved T-shirt, blue jeans and black and white shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 9689 7445 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



### <u>Cancellation of LegCo committee</u> <u>meetings</u>

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

The following meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) committee originally scheduled to be held in the LegCo Complex have been cancelled:

- (1) the meeting of LegCo Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting and the joint meeting of LegCo Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Home Affairs on July 8;
- (2) the meetings of LegCo Panel on Home Affairs, LegCo Panel on Housing, LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, LegCo Panel on Security and LegCo Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 on July 9;
- (3) the meetings of LegCo Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways and LegCo Bills Committee on Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 on July 12; and
- (4) the meetings of LegCo Finance Committee on July 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13.