

Suspected MERS case reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (February 8) reported a suspected case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and again urged the public to pay special attention to safety during travel, taking due consideration of the health risks in the places they visit. The case is detailed below:

Sex	Female
Age	40
Affected area involved	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
High-risk exposure	Nil
Hospital	Prince of Wales Hospital
Condition	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Pending

"Travellers to the Middle East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels; avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry; and avoid unnecessary visits to healthcare facilities. We strongly advise travel agents organising tours to the Middle East to abstain from arranging camel rides and activities involving direct contact with camels, which are known risk factors for acquiring MERS-CoV," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Locally, the CHP's surveillance with public and private hospitals, with practising doctors and at boundary control points is firmly in place. Inbound travellers and members of the public who recently visited the Middle East and developed fever or lower respiratory symptoms within 14 days will be classified as suspected MERS cases. They will be taken to public hospitals for isolation and management until their specimens test negative for MERS-Coronavirus (MERS-CoV).

Travellers to affected areas should maintain vigilance, adopt appropriate health precautions and take heed of personal, food and environmental hygiene. The public may visit the MERS pages of the [CHP](#) and its [Travel Health Service](#), MERS statistics in [affected areas](#), the CHP's [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), and the World Health Organization's [latest news](#) for more information and health advice. Tour leaders and tour guides operating overseas tours are advised to refer to the CHP's [health advice on MERS](#).

Public views sought on proposed Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Bill and Rules

The Department of Justice (DoJ) today (February 8) launched a public consultation to seek views on the proposed Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Bill (the Bill) and the proposed Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Rules (the Rules).

In view of the increasing number of cross-boundary marriages and related matrimonial matters between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Mainland, the Government of the HKSAR and the Supreme People's Court signed the Arrangement on Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Civil Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases by the Courts of the Mainland and of the HKSAR (the Arrangement) on June 20, 2017, so as to establish a mechanism for reciprocal recognition and enforcement of civil judgments in matrimonial and family cases between the two places.

A spokesman of the DoJ said, "The Arrangement, when implemented, will provide better safeguards to families, in particular, parties to cross-boundary marriages and their children."

The Arrangement will be implemented in the HKSAR by legislation. For this purpose, the DoJ has prepared the draft Bill and draft Rules for public consultation.

The draft Bill mainly seeks to establish mechanisms in the HKSAR for registration of specified orders contained in a Mainland judgment given in a matrimonial or family case, application for recognition in the HKSAR of a Mainland divorce certificate and certification by a HKSAR court of a HKSAR judgment given in a matrimonial or family case for the purpose of seeking recognition and enforcement of the judgment in the Mainland.

The draft Rules lay down the practice and procedures relating to the applications made to a HKSAR court under the Bill, for example, the requirements for affidavit in support of a registration application.

The Consultation Paper together with the draft Bill and draft Rules is now available on the DoJ's website: www.doj.gov.hk/eng/public/pdf/2019/matrimonial_bill.pdf. The consultation period will end on March 8, 2019.

All submissions may be sent to the China Law Unit, Legal Policy Division, Department of Justice: by mail to 5/F, East Wing, Justice Place, 18 Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong; by fax to 3918 4799; or by email to matrimonialbill@doj.gov.hk.

Parent convicted of failure to register birth within prescribed period

A Hong Kong resident who failed to register the birth of his child within the prescribed period was convicted at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today (February 8).

The Immigration Department (ImmD) investigated a case of failure to register a birth within the prescribed period. After investigation, it was found that a man failed to register his son born in June 2017. The man was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today with failure to register the birth of the baby within 42 days after the day of such birth. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to a fine of \$1,200. The birth registration of the baby boy was completed in August 2018.

The ImmD spokesman reminded parents to fulfil their obligations under the law to register the birth of a child within 42 days of such birth so that the rights to medical treatment, education and welfare benefits to which their children are entitled won't be harmed due to delays in following the relevant procedures. Failure to do so is an offence for which the maximum sentence upon summary conviction is a fine of \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment.

Meetings of Legislative Council Committees

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Committees will hold 11 open meetings during the week from February 11 to 15 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meetings are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please

refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

Tender of 2-Year Exchange Fund Notes to be held on February 19

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 February 19, 2019 (Tuesday) for settlement on February 20, 2019 (Wednesday), as set out in the tentative issuance schedule announced on November 15, 2018. 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 February 22, 2021 and will carry interest at the rate of 1.54 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 on the current published list, which can be obtained from the HKMA at 55/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong (Tel: 2878 1465), or from 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.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Note Programme Tender Information

Tender information of 2-Year Exchange Fund Notes:

Issue Number	:	02Y2102
Stock code	:	4075(EFN 1.54 2102)
Tender date and time	:	February 19, 2019 (Tuesday) 9.30 am to 10.30 am
Issue and Settlement Date	:	February 20, 2019 (Wednesday)
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	:	February 22, 2021 (Monday)
Interest Rate	:	1.54 per cent p.a.
Interest Payment Dates	:	Aug 20, 2019 Feb 20, 2020 Aug 20, 2020 Feb 22, 2021

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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

Tender amount : 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.

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 : February 21, 2019 (Thursday)

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

Yield-to-Maturity	Price	Yield-to-Maturity	Price
0.54	101.99	1.54	100.01
0.59	101.89	1.59	99.91
0.64	101.79	1.64	99.82
0.69	101.69	1.69	99.72
0.74	101.59	1.74	99.62
0.79	101.49	1.79	99.53
0.84	101.39	1.84	99.43
0.89	101.29	1.89	99.33
0.94	101.19	1.94	99.24
0.99	101.09	1.99	99.14
1.04	100.99	2.04	99.04
1.09	100.89	2.09	98.95
1.14	100.80	2.14	98.85
1.19	100.70	2.19	98.76
1.24	100.60	2.24	98.66

1.29	100.50	2.29	98.57
1.34	100.40	2.34	98.47
1.39	100.30	2.39	98.38
1.44	100.21	2.44	98.28
1.49	100.11	2.49	98.19
1.54	100.01	2.54	98.09

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