

# Vessels must use compliant fuel within Hong Kong waters from January 1, 2019

A spokesman for the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said today (October 26) that the Legislative Council has approved the Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation (the Regulation) (Cap 311AB). From January 1, 2019, all vessels except for specified vessel types as set out in the Regulation, are required to use compliant fuel within Hong Kong waters, irrespective of whether they are sailing or berthing.

Compliant fuel required by the Regulation includes low-sulphur marine fuel with sulphur content not exceeding 0.5 per cent, liquefied natural gas or any other fuel approved by the Director of Environmental Protection. If a vessel uses emission reduction technology that can achieve the same or less emission of sulphur dioxide when compared with using low-sulphur marine fuel, it may be exempted from using compliant fuel.

The spokesman added that from January 1, 2019, ocean-going vessels (OGVs) that are using heavy fuel oil (with an average sulphur content of 2.6 per cent) must switch to compliant fuel before entering Hong Kong waters. The Regulation also stipulates that for an OGV, the times when the vessel enters and exits the waters of Hong Kong, and the particulars about the fuel switch operations must be recorded in its log book; the written procedures for conducting fuel switch operations must be kept on board; and the ship log book and bunker delivery notes must be kept on board for a period of three years.

"It is anticipated that implementing the Regulation will reduce the emissions of sulphur dioxide and respirable suspended particulates from OGVs by about 76 per cent and 71 per cent respectively in 2020 as compared with 2016 emission levels. This will help improve air quality and reduce health risks of the population. The implementation of the Regulation would also enhance regional collaboration with the Mainland on the establishment of a domestic marine emission control area in the Pearl River Delta," the spokesman said.

The Government has been implementing the Air Pollution Control (Ocean Going Vessels) (Fuel at Berth) Regulation (the Fuel at Berth Regulation) (Cap 311AA) since July 1, 2015, requiring OGVs to switch to compliant fuel while berthing in Hong Kong. Since the Regulation will cover the scope of control under the Fuel at Berth Regulation, the prevailing Fuel at Berth Regulation will be repealed upon the commencement of the Regulation on January 1 next year.

When the Regulation comes into effect, the master and owner concerned of any vessel using non-compliant fuel within the waters of Hong Kong will be liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for six months. Shipmasters and ship owners of OGVs who fail to record or keep the required particulars will also be liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment

for three months.

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## **TD invites tenders for Procurement cum Management, Operation and Maintenance of New Generation of Parking Meter System**

The Transport Department (TD) today (October 26) invited tenders for Contracts for Procurement cum Management, Operation and Maintenance of New Generation of Parking Meter System (PMOM Contract).

Two PMOM contracts, covering urban areas (including Hong Kong Island and Kowloon) and the New Territories respectively, will be awarded by the TD. The duration of contracts will be 11 years (including one year for system development and 10 years for management, operation and maintenance services).

The invitation to tender was gazetted today. Forms of tenders and further particulars can be obtained during office hours at the Transport Facilities Management Section of the TD at Room 1002, 10/F, Rumsey Street Multi-storey Carpark Building, 2 Rumsey Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. Tender submissions should be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box situated at the Lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor of East Wing of the Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong before noon on December 21, 2018 (Friday).

The new generation of parking meter system is one of the Smart Mobility initiatives set out in the Smart City Blueprint for Hong Kong. The new parking meters will support multiple payment means including remote payment through mobile applications, be equipped with vehicle sensors to detect whether a parking space is occupied, and provide real-time information to assist motorists in finding vacant parking spaces. The installation of the the new parking meters to replace the existing ones is expected to commence progressively from 2019/20.

At present, some 9 800 parking meters accepting only Octopus cards for payment of parking fees are installed across the territory to control around 18 000 on-street parking spaces. These parking meters, which have been in use since 2003/04, will soon approach the end of their serviceable life and need to be replaced.

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# Appointment to Hospital Authority

The Government announced today (October 26) the appointment of Professor David Shum Ho-keung to the Hospital Authority (HA) for a term of two years with effect from November 1, 2018.

Professor Shum is a neuropsychologist. He took up the Deanship of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on July 23, 2018.

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, welcomed Professor Shum to the HA. She also thanked the outgoing member, Professor Maurice Yap Keng-hung, for his contribution and advice to the HA over the years.

The HA comprises a Chairman, 23 non-official members, three public officers and one principal officer from the HA. The membership list with effect from November 1, 2018, is as follows:

## Chairman:

Professor John Leong Chi-yan

## Non-official Members:

Mr William Chan Fu-keung  
Professor Francis Chan Ka-leung  
Ms Anita Cheng Wai-ching  
Mr David Fong Man-hung  
Mr Andrew Fung Hau-chung  
Mr Lester Garson Huang  
Dr Kam Pok-man  
Mrs Ann Kung Yeung Yun-chi  
Mr Daniel Lam Chun  
Mr Quinton Lam Chun-ki  
Mr Franklin Lam Fan-keung  
Ms Lisa Lau Man-man  
Mr Stephen Lee Hoi-yin  
Professor Diana Lee Tze-fan  
Professor Gabriel Matthew Leung  
Professor Raymond Liang Hin-suen  
Dr Lo Wai-kwok  
Professor David Shum Ho-keung  
Mr Ivan Sze Wing-hang  
Mr Albert Wong Kwai-huen  
Ms Priscilla Wong Pui-sze  
Mr Jason Yeung Chi-wai  
Mr Charlie Yip Wing-tong

## Public Officers:

Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health), Ms Elizabeth Tse  
Director of Health, Dr Constance Chan

Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury), Ms Carol Yuen

HA Principal Officer:  
Chief Executive, HA, Dr Leung Pak-yin

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## **Five validly nominated candidates for Legislative Council Kowloon West geographical constituency by-election**

The names of the five validly nominated candidates for the 2018 Legislative Council Kowloon West geographical constituency by-election were gazetted today (October 26). The order of appearance of names of candidates on the ballot papers, which was determined by drawing of lots, was also announced.

The validly nominated candidates are as follows:

- No. 1 – Ng Dick-hay
- No. 2 – Tzeng Li-wen Judy
- No. 3 – Lee Cheuk-yan
- No. 4 – Fung Kin-kee Frederick
- No. 5 – Chan Hoi-yan

"The Legislative Council Kowloon West geographical constituency by-election will be held on November 25. A total of 73 ordinary polling stations and a maximum of 22 dedicated polling stations will be open on the polling day for 487 160 electors of the Kowloon West geographical constituency listed on the 2018 Final Register to cast their votes," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office said.

The polling hours for the ordinary polling stations and the dedicated polling station set up at Cheung Sha Wan Police Station will be from 7.30am to 10.30pm. For the dedicated polling stations set up in penal institutions, for security reasons, the polling hours will be from 9am to 4pm.

The gazette notices are available on the election website ([www.elections.gov.hk](http://www.elections.gov.hk)).

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# Appointments to Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee and Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Appeal Board

The Government announced today (October 26) appointments to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (MPFSAC) and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Appeal Board (MPFSAB).

The Chief Executive, in exercise of her authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (MPFSO), has appointed Mr Ip Kwok-him as Chairman of the MPFSAC for a term of two years, from November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2020, both dates inclusive.

At the same time, the Financial Secretary, in exercise of the authority under the MPFSO delegated to him by the Chief Executive, has reappointed Mr Stewart Wong Kai-ming, SC, as Chairman of the MPFSAB. He has also appointed three new members, namely Mr Chow Luen-kiu, Ms Tam Kam-lin and Ms Lily Wong, and an incumbent member, Ms Belinda Luk Kwai-sim, to the MPFSAB. All appointments will take effect from November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2020 for a term of two years, both dates inclusive.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, welcomed the appointment of Mr Ip to the MPFSAC. "Mr Ip was a member of the Management Board of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA) between 2011 and 2017. He has a wealth of experience and expertise in the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System. We believe that the MPFSAC, under his leadership, will offer valuable advice to the MPFA and contribute to the continuous improvement of the MPF System," he said.

Welcoming the appointments to the MPFSAB, Mr Lau said, "The MPFSAB is made up of distinguished members from various sectors. I believe the MPFSAB will continue to uphold its impartiality under Mr Wong's chairmanship. I am also confident that the newly appointed and re-appointed members will contribute to the ongoing, effective operation of the MPFSAB."

He also thanked the outgoing MPFSAC Chairman, Mr Wong Ting-kwong, and the MPFSAB members, Mr Ng Chau-pei, Ms Ng Wai-yee and Mr Jeff Wong Kwan-kit, for their valuable contributions.

The MPFSAC is a statutory body established under section 6R of the MPFSO, which advises the MPFA with respect to the operation of the MPFSO as well as the effectiveness and efficiency of the MPFA.

Following is the membership list of the MPFSAC with effect from November 1, 2018 :

Chairman

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Mr Ip Kwok-him

Deputy Chairlady

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Ms Alice Law Shing-mui

Members

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Mr Karson Choi Ka-tsan

Ms Chow Yuen-yee

Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping

Mr Lam Chun-sing

Mr Kenneth Leung Kai-cheong

Dr Pan Pey-chyou

Mr Philip Tsai Wing-chung

Ms Winnie Wong Chi-shun

The MPFSAB is established in accordance with section 35 of the MPFSO to determine appeals against the decisions of the MPFA as specified in Schedule 6 to the MPFSO.

The membership of the MPFSAB with effect from November 1, 2018 is as follows:

Chairman

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Mr Stewart Wong Kai-ming

Deputy Chairlady

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Ms Giovanna Kwong Fung-ping

Members

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Mr Kenny Chan Ngai-sang

Mr Chow Luen-kiu

Mr Dennis Ho Chiu-ping

Ms Lau Yuk-kuen

Ms Cecilia Lee Sau-wai

Ms Belinda Luk Kwai-sim

Mr Gerry Ng Joo-yeow

Ms Miranda So Man-wah

Ms Tam Kam-lin

Ms Lily Wong

The appointments and re-appointments were published in the Government Gazette today.