

## **Over 1 000 vacancies on offer at New Opportunities-New Terrain Job Expo**

The Labour Department, together with the Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, will hold a large-scale job expo at Hong Kong Polytechnic University on October 25 and 26.

A total of 46 well-known enterprises from the Mainland and Hong Kong will participate in the expo, offering over 1 000 job vacancies. Participants include a number of integrated enterprises and others from sectors including banking, finance, insurance, communications, transport and the import and export trade. The vacancies offered cover a wide variety of positions such as bank officer trainee, product engineer, management trainee, actuarial analyst, senior programmer, business analyst, laboratory assistant, human resources and administrative assistant. Job seekers can find more information on the department's Interactive Employment Service website ([www.jobs.gov.hk](http://www.jobs.gov.hk)).

Most of the vacancies are full-time jobs, the majority of which require secondary education level or above and are suitable for young job seekers with post-secondary educational attainment.

In addition, Qianhai International Liaison Services Limited will set up a special counter to introduce the development and the start-ups competition in the Qianhai Region of Shenzhen, as well as the opportunities offered by the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneur Hub for start-ups. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Shanghai Youth Association will introduce its employment programme in Shanghai.

The job expo will run from 11am to 5.30pm at Podiums CF, FG and FJ of Hong Kong Polytechnic University (near Hung Hom MTR Station Exit A1 or D1). Admission is free.

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## **Speech by Acting CE at HK Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner (English only) (with photos)**

Following is the speech by the Acting CE, Mr Paul Chan, at the Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner this evening (October 22):

Sophia (Secretary for Food and Health and President of the Association, Professor Sophia Chan), Mr Steve Lan (Chairman of the Association, Mr Steve Lan), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening.

I am honoured to join you tonight for the 70th anniversary of the Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association.

I was delighted to hear your Chairman say that the Association's finances are in a "very healthy" condition. Delighted because it's not often I hear that from any non-profit services group I speak to. So you're clearly exceptional, and in more ways than one.

On this good occasion, we mark more than the Association's 70th anniversary. We are here, as well, to commemorate your critical role in the fight against tuberculosis (TB).

During World War II and in the years following the War, Hong Kong was plagued by TB which is not surprising, given the overcrowding living environment, the unstable social conditions, and poor nutrition. And then in 1948, the Association came along with a mission to fight TB, as well as heart disease. A year later, you built Ruttonjee Sanatorium for patients suffering from TB.

Thankfully, the number of TB cases plummeted in the 1950s, thanks to the launch of the BCG vaccination for new-born babies, the establishment of a chest service in the Department of Health, increasingly effective treatment and improving socio-economic situation.

From a historic high of more than 697 reported cases per 100 000 people in 1952, the TB incidence rate fell to just over 58 cases per 100 000 people last year. That's thanks to dedicated efforts throughout the community. And, of course, to the Association's outstanding leadership, including its administration of Ruttonjee Hospital and Grantham Hospital, its support for World TB Day and research activities, and its strong links to the World Health Organization and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

Worldwide, TB is still a significant disease. Indeed, more than 10 million new cases of TB are reported each year. That includes over 4 000 new cases annually in Hong Kong.

That said, I am confident that the Association's vigilance and proactive measures will continue to minimise the disease in our community.

Indeed, as TB's threat to the people of Hong Kong waned over the years, the Association broadened its reach, and benevolence, into other medical areas of concern. They include elderly home and oral health services, traditional Chinese medicine and health promotion covering the risks associated with smoking and alcohol abuse, physical inactivity and poor diet

– all of which are related to cardiovascular diseases, killers of nearly 18 million people every year around the world.

In less than two weeks ago, the Chief Executive emphasised in her Policy Address the importance of our healthcare services. I was also pleased to note that life expectancy here in Hong Kong, for men and for women, tops the world. Our health care services are among the world's most efficient according to the Bloomberg Health-Care Efficiency Index, a global study published just last month which ranked Hong Kong first among 56 economies.

That, of course, does not mean any slackening of our commitment to quality healthcare, and certainly no cutting back on the significant resources, expertise and planning we bring to healthcare to the people of Hong Kong.

This is why Chinese medicine services would be incorporated into our healthcare system. As announced in my Budget this year that a dedicated fund, of HK\$500 million, has been created to promote the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. The fund, ladies and gentlemen, will begin operation in the first half of next year. I should also mention another initiation in my Budget underscoring the commitment of the administration on quality healthcare – that is the HK\$300 billion earmarked as an initial provision to support the second 10-year hospital development plan, improve Department of Health's clinic facilities, and upgrade and increase healthcare teaching facilities.

Your Association, I'm pleased to say, has been active in Chinese medicine for a dozen years now. As your Chairman noted, the Association runs two of the Hospital Authority's 18 Chinese Medical Clinics. Beyond general medical services, the clinics offer teaching and research services for Chinese medicine practitioners.

Your Association also promotes Chinese medicine to the general public and is engaged in community-based studies related to Chinese medicine.

In short, whether it's TB or heart disease, working with the elderly or promoting Chinese medicine, the Association jumps right in, bringing to the challenge a much welcomed mix of commitment, expertise and decades of experience working on behalf of the people of Hong Kong.

I have no doubt that you will continue to collaborate with the Government in these and, no doubt, other areas down the road.

When we mark your centennial anniversary in 30 years' time, rest assured I'll be here for that happy occasion – I hope we can also celebrate the eradication of TB – in Hong Kong and around the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please enjoy this very special evening.

Thank you.



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## **HKSAR Government and AIIB sign Special Fund Contribution Agreement (with photos)**

The Acting Chief Executive, Mr Paul Chan, and the President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Mr Jin Liqun, witnessed today (October 22) the signing of the AIIB Project Preparation Special Fund Contribution Agreement between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the AIIB.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, and the Vice President (Policy & Strategy) of the AIIB, Dr Joachim von Amsberg, represented the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the AIIB respectively to sign the Agreement.

Mr Chan and Mr Lau met with Mr Jin and the senior management of the AIIB before the signing ceremony. Welcoming the visiting delegation, Mr Chan said that Hong Kong as a member of the AIIB is pleased to contribute US\$10 million to the AIIB Project Preparation Special Fund for supporting low-income countries. He also looked forward to the AIIB making good use of Hong Kong as a hub to source investment opportunities, prospective investors and financing partners.

Mr Chan also thanked Mr Jin for accepting the invitation to attend the annual Asian Financial Forum. With the theme of "Creating a Sustainable and Inclusive Future", the 2019 forum is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong on January 14 and 15.



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## LegCo to consider Employment (Amendment) Bill 2018

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (October 24) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Second Reading debate on the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2018 will resume. If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bill and its report is adopted by the Council, the Bill will be set down for the Third Reading.

The Second Reading debate on the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2018 and the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 2018 will also resume. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Reading, they will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bills and their reports are adopted by the Council, the Bills will be set down for the Third Reading.

On Members' motions, Ms Claudia Mo will move a motion under Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. The motion states: "That, pursuant to Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, this Council summons the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, and the Director of Immigration, Mr Erick Tsang, to attend before the Council on November 21, 2018 to produce all relevant papers, books, records or documents and to testify or give evidence in relation to the incident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government's refusal to renew, for no reason, the work visa of Mr Victor Mallet, Vice President of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong and Asia news editor of the Financial Times, thereby causing concerns locally

and internationally that the HKSAR Government suppresses freedom of the press and freedom of speech through political means."

Meanwhile, Ms Mo will also move a motion under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance. The motion states: "That this Council appoints a select committee to inquire into the incident of serious land subsidence of buildings near the construction site of To Kwa Wan station of the Shatin to Central Link, and whether the incident involved ineffective monitoring by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the MTR Corporation Limited and their deliberate concealment of the land subsidence problem, and other related matters; and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorised under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance."

Mr Lam Cheuk-ting will move a motion under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance. The motion states: "That this Council appoints a select committee to inquire into matters relating to the MTR Corporation Limited's alleged concealment of the substandard construction works and alternations to the construction drawings of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL), alleged failure to suspend the construction works and notify the public when the settlement of some monitoring points is found to have exceeded the pre-set trigger levels during the construction of eight stations along SCL, and subsequent proposal of relaxing the pre-set trigger levels for temporary suspension of works of the monitoring points near the construction site of the Exhibition Centre Station of SCL, and other related matters, and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorised under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance."

In addition, Mr Michael Tien will move a motion on restructuring the governance of MTR Corporation Limited. The motion states: "That the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has built and operates 11 railways in Hong Kong, and in the future, seven new railway projects will most likely be assigned to MTRCL; the people of Hong Kong heavily rely on the railway system as a mode of transport, but in recent years, there have been strong views in society on the service quality, corporate governance and supervision of works of MTRCL; the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government as the majority shareholder of MTRCL has a major responsibility of monitoring MTRCL in providing to the public the safest railway services and infrastructure of the best quality; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to adopt the following measures to restructure the governance of MTRCL to restore public confidence in MTRCL:

(1) setting up an independent railway development department – given that at present, a railway from planning to construction involves various government departments, including the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Buildings Department and the Highways Department, resulting in fragmentation of responsibilities and inefficiency; besides, responsible for all the works of roads, tunnels, bridges, etc. in Hong Kong, the Highways Department can hardly attend to

everything at the same time, thus giving rise to problems in the regulation of railways; hence, the SAR Government should set up an independent railway development department dedicated to railway works and be directly responsible to the Secretary for Transport and Housing;

(2) planning new development areas in tandem with their ancillary railway facilities – in planning some of the new development areas in the past, since the SAR Government did not concurrently consider ancillary transport facilities, serious traffic problems arose in such areas, and the SAR Government then constructed railways in a rush, thus causing the works quality to fall; hence, new development areas and ancillary railway facilities should be planned in tandem in order to prevent the quality of railway projects from being affected by very tight work schedules;

(3) urging MTRCL to regularly review its investment strategy of updating the signalling system – in the past, repeated serious disruptions of MTR train services were caused by the ageing signalling system; hence, MTRCL should regularly upgrade the signalling system to the latest version, rather than refusing to upgrade the signalling system on the ground of the cost being the prime factor of consideration, so as to ensure provision of stable and reliable public transport services to passengers;

(4) rationalising the appointment of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of MTRCL – to cope with the foreseeable railway projects, either of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of MTRCL, being the two highest persons-in-charge, should have an engineering background to facilitate monitoring of the works progress at the highest level;

(5) supervising MTRCL in reviewing the criteria of its internal tendering system – when drawing up the criteria of its internal tendering system, MTRCL should study following the criteria of the tendering system of the SAR Government which draw greater reference from the past performance, cooperative attitude, accountability performance of tenderers, etc., rather than overstressing the principle of 'the lowest bid wins' and the number of times the tenderers were awarded railway projects in the past as priority considerations, so as to avoid monopolisation;

(6) requiring MTRCL to strengthen the project management notification system – MTRCL should draw up specific and transparent notification criteria and make improvements on two levels: on the first level, requiring frontline site staff to report to the management in higher ranks the site conditions, including but not limited to issuing to contractors non-conformance notices/reports for any work that does not comply with plans and works requirements, and on the second level, reporting to the Government all construction problems in respect of repeated mistakes without rectification, delays in resolving such problems and suspected violations of statutory requirements; and

(7) raising MTRCL's requirements for supervision of the works of contractors – MTRCL should draw reference from the requirements of the SAR Government in supervising public works, including considering the introduction of the Contractor Management Handbook for public works to conduct regular



assessments on the quality, progress and safety of works, environmental protection, management and attitude of the persons-in-charge of projects, subcontracting of works, performance of procurement, etc., and requiring resident site staff to conduct thorough on-site supervision, thereby effecting more stringent supervision of railway projects."

Mr Luk Chung-hung, Mr Chan Han-pan, Dr Kwok Ka-ki and Mr Lam will move separate amendments to Mr Tien's motion.

Mr Chan Chi-chuen will move a motion on studying the formulation of policies for homosexual couples to enter into a union. The motion states: "That this Council urges the Government to study the formulation of policies for homosexual couples to enter into a union so that they can enjoy equal rights as heterosexual couples."

Dr Priscilla Leung, Mr Au Nok-hin and Mr Gary Fan will move separate amendments to Mr Chan Chi-chuen's motion.

During the meeting, Members will ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website ([www.legco.gov.hk](http://www.legco.gov.hk)). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found on the LegCo Website.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. They may reserve seats by calling 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

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## CE to visit Japan

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will visit Japan from October 29 to November 2. The Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC; the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang, will join parts of the visit.

During the five-day visit, Mrs Lam will meet with senior government officials, members of parliament, members of the business and political sectors and professionals in Japan. She will speak at the "Think Global, Think Hong Kong" symposium and dinner organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and at an activity to promote tourism in the Greater Bay Area organised by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, as well as at a forum on financial co-operation between the Greater Bay Area and Japanese enterprises organised by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong.



In addition, Mrs Lam will attend an architecture exhibition organised by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, a cheongsam exhibition organised by the Hong Kong Arts Centre, and a special concert presented by alumni of the Asian Youth Orchestra from Hong Kong and Japan. She will also meet with the leaders of a number of education institutions and organisations specialising in innovation and technology (I&T), and conduct visits to seek further collaboration in I&T between Japan and Hong Kong.

Mrs Lam will return to Hong Kong on November 2. During her absence, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will be the Acting Chief Executive.