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Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$1,000 to reserve a mark for auction should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price of \$1,000). Otherwise, the mark concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following important points:

- (1) Successful bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after the successful bidding:
 - (i) the identity document of the successful bidder;
 - (ii) the identity document of the purchaser if it is different from the successful bidder;
 - (iii) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation if the purchaser is a body corporate; and
 - (iv) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". (For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed.)Successful bidders can also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS). Payment by post-dated cheques, cash or other methods will not be accepted.
- (2) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of Registration Mark immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the memorandum will not be permitted.
- (3) A vehicle registration mark can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(4) Special registration marks are non-transferable. Where the ownership of a motor vehicle with a special registration mark is transferred, the allocation of the special registration mark shall be cancelled.

(5) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the registration mark to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the registration mark within 12 months, allocation of the mark will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of Traditional Vehicle Registration Marks, which can be downloaded from the department's website, www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/tvrm_auction/index.html.

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CFS alerts public to fake social media accounts and website

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (August 21) alerted the public to fake social media accounts and a website of the CFS, which are also suspected of fraudulently using the CFS's logo in the social media accounts' profile picture and on the website.

A spokesman for the CFS reminded that the official link to its Facebook page "éŧŸç%â%â...`ä,åzfCentre for Food Safety" is www.facebook.com/cfs.hk, and its official website is www.cfs.gov.hk. The spokesman stressed that the CFS's social media page will not leave comments on its posts asking members of the public participating in its events to click on any external links, or request participants to provide their bank or credit card information in any form. The public is urged to be discerning when distinguishing the authenticity of online information and not to click on any hyperlinks from unknown sources to prevent loss.

The CFS has reported the case to the Police for investigation. Those who have provided their personal information to suspected fake accounts or through relevant hyperlinks are advised to consider reporting the matter to the Police. For enquiries or to confirm the authenticity of the page and website, please call the CFS at 2868 0000 or email enquiries@fehd.gov.hk.

Labour Department suspends recognition of safety training course

The Labour Department (LD) today (August 21) suspended its recognition of Greater Bay EHS Technology Consultant Limited trading as OSH Training Academy (GBEHSTCL), for conducting the Mandatory Basic Safety Training Course (Construction Work) under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59) for persons employed at an industrial undertaking carrying out construction work. The suspension will last for a period of three months until November 20.

GBEHSTCL was found to have breached the approval conditions attached to the running of the course. The training course provider allowed discussion of answers among trainees during a written examination of the course and subsequently issued certificates to the trainees. Under the approval conditions of the course concerned, a course provider should strictly prohibit cheating, including discussion of answers among trainees or between trainees and trainer or invigilator during the examination. Having conducted a thorough investigation and evidence gathering, and after considering the explanations and representations given by GBEHSTCL, the LD decided to suspend its recognition in view of the serious nature of the breach. The trainer involved in the course was also suspended from teaching the Mandatory Basic Safety Training Course (Construction Work) held by GBEHSTCL for the same three-month period.

"We closely monitor all recognised mandatory safety training course providers to ensure the quality of these training courses. Failure to comply with the approval conditions may result in the suspension or withdrawal of course recognition," a spokesman for the LD said.

There are currently 124 approved course providers for the Mandatory Basic Safety Training Course (Construction Work). The course information is available on the LD's website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/content5.htm). People who need to take the course may enrol with these approved course providers. For enquiries, please call the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre hotline on 2940 7076 or the department's occupational safety and health advisory telephone service hotline on 2559 2297.

Result of tenders of People's Bank of China RMB Bills held on August 21, 2024

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Result of the tenders of the People's Bank of China RMB Bills held on August 21, 2024:

Tender Result

Tender Date	: August 21, 2024
Bills available for Tender	: Three-month RMB Bills
Issuer	: The People's Bank of China
Issue Number	: BCHKFP24013
Issue Date	: August 23, 2024
Maturity Date	: November 22, 2024 (or the closest coupon payment date)
Application Amount	: RMB64,993 million
Issue Amount	: RMB30,000 million
Average accepted Coupon Rate	: 1.75 per cent
Highest accepted Coupon Rate (Bills' Coupon)	: 1.88 per cent
Lowest accepted Coupon Rate	: 1.50 per cent
Allocation Ratio (At Highest accepted Coupon Rate)	: Approximately 23.80 per cent

Tender Result

Tender Date : August 21, 2024
Bills available for Tender : One-year RMB Bills
Issuer : The People's Bank of China
Issue Number : BCHKFP24014
Issue Date : August 23, 2024
Maturity Date : August 23, 2025 (or the
closest coupon payment date)
Application Amount : RMB43,991 million
Issue Amount : RMB15,000 million
Average accepted Coupon Rate : 1.85 per cent
Highest accepted Coupon Rate : 1.90 per cent
(Bills' Coupon)
Lowest accepted Coupon Rate : 1.75 per cent
Allocation Ratio (At Highest : Approximately 53.83 per cent
accepted Coupon Rate)