

Final call for “Timeless Diva: Anita Mui” exhibition at Hong Kong Heritage Museum (with photos)

The "Timeless Diva: Anita Mui" exhibition being held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) will end on September 2 (Monday). Members of the public are urged to grasp the opportunity to visit this not-to-be-missed exhibition at the HKHM. The exhibition is much loved by the local public and tourists since its opening on December 24 last year, and has received over 360 000 visitors.

This exhibition is organised to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the passing of superstar Anita Mui. Exhibits include eight eye-catching stage costumes, such as the feathered samba costume worn at "Anita Mui in Concert" that lit up the opening section of the concert; and the stage costume worn by Mui when she received the Golden Needle Award at Radio Television Hong Kong's "The 21st Top Ten Chinese Gold Songs Award Concert" at the peak of her musical career.

Other highlight exhibits include the Japanese vinyl record of "Fantasy of Love/Debt of Love", featuring the Japanese version of "Fantasy of Love" that won Mui the TBS Award and the Asian Special Award at the 12th Tokyo Music Festival. The trophy for the TBS Award is on display for the first time, showing the diva's breakthrough in the Asian music industry. Besides those exhibits, visitors can also scan the QR codes in the gallery to listen to Mui's radio interviews in the 1980s and 1990s to understand her thoughts and stories since her debut as a singer; and the sound clips of Mr Eddie Lau, a close friend of Mui and a prominent fashion and image designer, to revisit the stories of how they collaborated and ignited sparks. The exhibition concludes with selected videos showcasing Mui's ever-changing image in music and movies, as well as her captivating acting skills. Through 70 exhibits, visitors can review her extraordinary artistic achievements in the music and film industry, and brilliant contributions to Hong Kong's pop culture.

The exhibition is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and organised by the HKHM. It is held at the HKHM, 1 Man Lam Road, Sha Tin, with free admission. Free exhibition postcards are available at the gallery entrance. Each person is entitled to one postcard. A limited number of postcards will be available each day, while stocks last. For details of the exhibition, please visit hk.heritage.museum/en/web/hm/exhibitions/data/anitamui2023.html.

The HKHM has organised various exhibitions relating to Hong Kong popular culture in recent years. Apart from the exhibition "Timeless Diva: Anita Mui", the museum launched recently the exhibition "A Laugh at the World: James Wong" to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the passing of renowned cultural figure James Wong. Members of the public are also welcome to visit

the permanent exhibition "Hong Kong Pop 60+" which displays precious exhibits of Hong Kong pop culture icons, such as the white wedding gown worn by Mui at her last concert in 2003.



July's monthly gravidtrap index for Aedes albopictus mosquitoes drops significantly

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (August 14) announced that the monthly gravidtrap index for Aedes albopictus mosquitoes recorded a significant decrease from 14 per cent in June to 4.5 per cent in July, which was at the lowest Level 1, indicating that the distribution of Aedes albopictus mosquitoes in the areas surveyed was not extensive.

In July, all the 64 survey areas were recorded with a gravidtrap index lower than the alert level of 20 per cent. Moreover, the monthly density index for Aedes albopictus in July was 1.2, which represented that an average of 1.2 Aedes albopictus adults were found in the Aedes-positive gravidtraps, indicating that the number of adult Aedes albopictus was not abundant in the survey areas. The gravidtrap and density indices for Aedes albopictus in different survey areas as well as information on mosquito prevention and control measures are available on the department website at www.fehd.gov.hk.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "Under the concerted efforts and collaboration of various parties, the index in July recorded a significant drop. However, mosquitoes breed quickly during hot and rainy spring and summer months (i.e. from May to September). Members of the public are reminded to continue the routine mosquito prevention and control work, especially the repair and maintenance of structures. Cracks and dents which may accumulate water and become potential breeding grounds should be filled and levelled to reduce the chance of mosquito breeding.

"In response to the two epidemiologically linked local cases of dengue fever (DF) recorded earlier at Tin Shui (1) Estate in Tin Shui Wai, the interdepartmental Pest Control Steering Committee convened a special meeting on July 5 to review the latest situation of mosquito infestation and the anti-mosquito work undertaken by departments, as well as to discuss the implementation of further measures to prevent the spread of local DF cases. The FEHD has continued to intensify the mosquito prevention and control work with relevant government departments in areas under their purview, including eliminating mosquito breeding places, applying larvicides, conducting fogging operations to eradicate adult mosquitoes, and placing mosquito trapping devices at suitable locations. The FEHD has also provided departments with professional advice and technical support to assist them in formulating and implementing effective anti-mosquito measures swiftly. At the same time, the FEHD has strengthened publicity and education. The FEHD will continue to monitor the mosquito infestation in all districts, and will conduct prompt and effective mosquito prevention and control work," the spokesman added.

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan; the Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Food), Miss Vivian Lau; and the Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Environmental Hygiene), Mr Arsene Yiu, visited Tin Shui Estate in Tin Shui Wai and its vicinity on July 4 to inspect the targeted mosquito control work carried out by the FEHD and relevant departments for prevention of DF. In response to the two local cases mentioned above, the FEHD and relevant departments have immediately conducted surveys of mosquito infestation and have carried out additional targeted mosquito prevention and control work in areas within a 250-metre radius of the residences of the patients and places the patients had visited during the incubation and infectious period, as well as stepping up inspections and taking enforcement actions where necessary to stop the further spread of DF. So far, no new cases have been found.

The FEHD is conducting a three-phase Anti-mosquito Campaign this year. The third phase of the territory-wide campaign, lasting 12 weeks, was launched on August 5 and will run until October 27. During the period, the district offices of the FEHD will target areas that have drawn particular concern, such as public markets, cooked food centres and hawker bazaars, single-block buildings, streets and back lanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, construction sites, vacant sites and road works sites, to remove accumulated water and carry out mosquito prevention and control work. To further enhance the effectiveness of mosquito control, the FEHD and relevant government departments have carried out the second phase of the All-out Anti-mosquito Operations since May 2 to focus on eliminating potential mosquito breeding places, and called on property management officers to arrange necessary repairs to their premises to minimise mosquito breeding places. Furthermore, intense adult mosquito control has been conducted by means of regular ultra-low volume fogging operations after the onset of the rainy season.

The FEHD appeals to members of the public to work together to carry out mosquito prevention and control measures early, including inspecting their homes and surroundings to remove potential breeding grounds, changing water in vases and scrubbing their inner surfaces, removing water in saucers under potted plants at least once a week, properly disposing of containers such as soft drink cans and lunch boxes, and drilling large holes in unused tyres. The FEHD also advises members of the public and estate management bodies to keep drains free of blockage and level all defective ground surfaces to prevent the accumulation of water. They should also scrub all drains and surface sewers with an alkaline detergent at least once a week to remove any mosquito eggs.

Aedes albopictus is a kind of mosquito that can transmit DF. DF is commonly found in tropical and subtropical regions of the world, and has become endemic in many countries in Southeast Asia. Based on the latest surveillance data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, there has been an increase in DF cases in some places in Asia thus far, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Americas (including Brazil, Argentina and Peru) have recorded over 10 million cases, which is a record number, since the beginning of 2024. The dengue activity in

neighbouring areas is high and Hong Kong has recorded 40 imported DF cases and three local DF cases so far this year. Members of the public should continue to carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures proactively.

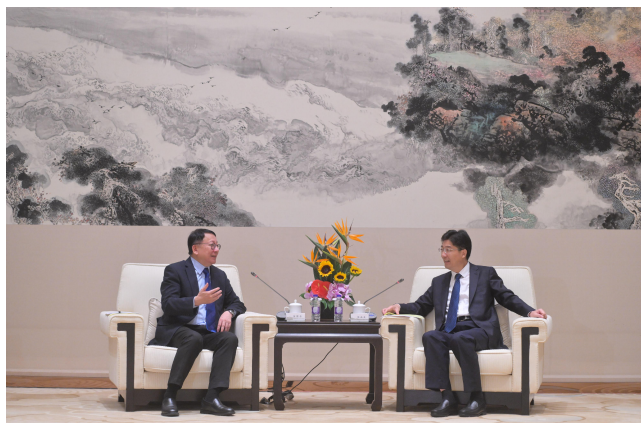
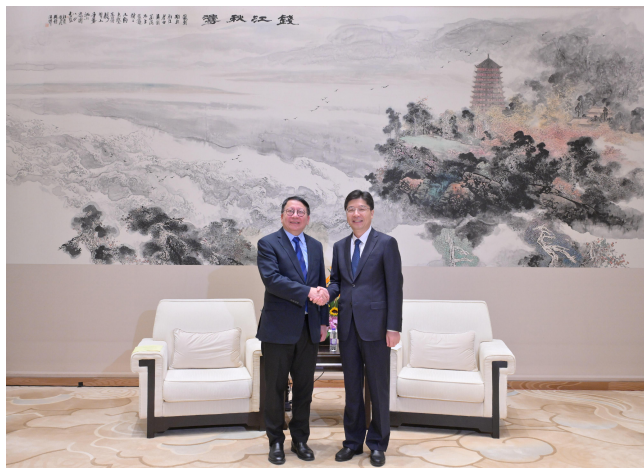
[CS concludes visit to Hangzhou \(with photos/video\)](#)

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, concluded his visit to Hangzhou today (August 14).

Mr Chan met with the Mayor of the Hangzhou Municipal People's Government, Mr Yao Gaoyuan, to exchange views on deepening exchanges and co-operation between Hangzhou and Hong Kong. Mr Chan, on behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), thanked the Hangzhou Municipal Government for its strong support and co-ordination for the Hangzhou study tour of the Strive and Rise Programme. The tour helps Hong Kong young people learn more about the rapid developments and distinguished achievements of Hangzhou and the country in many aspects. Mr Chan said that the HKSAR Government is steadfastly carrying out the work of patriotic education, including more Mainland exchange and study tours, to strengthen Hong Kong young people's sense of identity with, sense of belonging to, and pride towards the country and the nation. He expressed his hope that more Hong Kong young people can visit Hangzhou.

Mr Chan continued that Hangzhou is a fast-developing and highly advanced city in the Yangtze River Delta Economic Zone. Its international competitiveness and influence are being enhanced comprehensively, leveraging the integrated impact brought about by the Asian Games to foster a high-quality opening-up process. Meanwhile, Hong Kong is a core city of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, possessing the institutional strengths of the "one country, two systems" framework and a business environment that is highly market-oriented and internationalised, underpinned by the rule of law and world-class professional talent and services. There is enormous potential and scope for future collaboration between Hong Kong and Hangzhou. Mr Chan said he hopes that Hong Kong and Hangzhou will continue to strengthen exchanges and co-operation in various areas, such as commerce and trade, innovation and technology, culture, sports, education and youth under the principles of complementarity and mutual benefits, contributing together to the high-quality development of the country.

Mr Chan concluded his three-day visit to Hangzhou and returned to Hong Kong this afternoon.



Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) released today (August 14) the key analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund at the end of July 2024.

Foreign assets, representing the external assets of the Exchange Fund, increased during the month by HK\$24.3 billion to HK\$3,479.0 billion.

The Monetary Base, comprising Certificates of Indebtedness, Government-issued currency notes and coins in circulation, the balance of the banking system and Exchange Fund Bills and Notes issued, amounted to HK\$1,923.2 billion.

Claims on the private sector in Hong Kong amounted to HK\$297.1 billion.

Foreign liabilities amounted to HK\$29.1 billion.

The analytical accounts of the Exchange Fund are released in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and are referred to as the Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank under SDDS (Annex).

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's SDDS. The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of

August 2024, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

August 7 (Issued)	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
August 14	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
August 30	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
August 30	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account

Temporary traffic and transport arrangements on Prince Edward Road East westbound since early hours of this Thursday to facilitate road works

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 14) reminded the public that the following temporary traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented on Prince Edward Road East westbound from 1.30am to 5.30am daily from tomorrow (August 15) to August 24 (except Sundays) to facilitate road works:

(A) Road closures

The following road sections will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic:

- Part of the traffic lanes of Prince Edward Road East westbound between Kowloon East Regional Police Headquarters and The Latitude;
- The at-grade section of Prince Edward Road East westbound between Trade and Industry Tower and Olympic Garden;
- Part of the traffic lanes of the slip road leading from Choi Hung Road southbound to Prince Edward Road East westbound;
- The slip road leading from Concorde Road to Prince Edward Road East westbound near Kai Tak Community Hall;
- The flyover leading from the at-grade section of Prince Edward Road East westbound to Ma Tau Chung Road southbound near Olympic Garden; and
- The flyover leading from the at-grade section of Prince Edward Road East westbound to Argyle Street westbound.

(B) Traffic diversions

- Affected vehicles on Prince Edward Road East westbound heading for Argyle Street will be diverted via the following routes:
 1. The elevated section of Prince Edward Road East westbound, Prince Edward Road West westbound, Stirling Road southbound, Argyle Street eastbound, roundabout on Argyle Street and Argyle Street westbound; or
 2. Roundabout on Concorde Road, Olympic Avenue westbound, Sung Wong Toi Road eastbound, Sung Wong Toi Road westbound, Ma Tau Chung Road eastbound, roundabout on Argyle Street and Argyle Street westbound.

- Affected vehicles on Prince Edward Road East westbound heading for Ma Tau Chung Road will be diverted via the following routes:
 1. The elevated section of Prince Edward Road East westbound, Prince Edward Road West westbound, Stirling Road southbound, Argyle Street eastbound, roundabout on Argyle Street and Ma Tau Chung Road westbound; or
 2. Roundabout on Concorde Road, Olympic Avenue westbound, Sung Wong Toi Road eastbound, Sung Wong Toi Road westbound, Ma Tau Chung Road eastbound, roundabout on Argyle Street and Ma Tau Chung Road westbound.

(C) Public transport arrangements

To facilitate road works, Citybus route No. N23 (Tung Chung bound), cross-harbour bus route No. N121 (Central bound), KMB route Nos. N216 (Hung Hom bound), N293 (Mong Kok bound) and 293S (Mei Foo bound), and Hong Kong Island green minibus overnight route No. 61 (Mong Kok bound) will be diverted and some of the stops will be suspended or relocated. Please visit the TD's website for details (www.td.gov.hk/en/traffic_notices/index_id_76671.html).

(D) Suspension of metered parking spaces

Two metered parking spaces (nos. 8259A and 8259B) on Stirling Road will be temporarily suspended.

Appropriate traffic signs and road markings will be erected on site to guide motorists. The public transport operators will display notices informing passengers of the above temporary arrangements. The TD anticipates that the travelling time at the road sections concerned will be slightly lengthened due to the diversion arrangements. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience.

Members of the public are advised to plan their journeys in advance and allow sufficient travelling time to cater for unexpected delays, and stay alert to the latest traffic news through the media or the TD's mobile application "HKeMobility" or website (www.td.gov.hk).