

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

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Tender date	: 6 August 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2432
Issue date	: 7 August 2024
Maturity date	: 6 November 2024
Amount applied	: HK\$171,560 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$60,231 MN
Average yield accepted	: 4.00 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 4.05 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 81 PCT
Average tender yield	: 4.20 PCT

Tender date	: 6 August 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2461
Issue date	: 7 August 2024
Maturity date	: 5 February 2025
Amount applied	: HK\$76,400 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$14,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 3.93 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 3.94 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 74 PCT
Average tender yield	: 4.05 PCT

*"Pro rata ratio" refers to the average percentage of allotment with respect to each tender participant's tendered amount at the "highest yield accepted" level.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning August 12, 2024:

Tender date	: 13 August 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2433
Issue date	: 14 August 2024

Maturity date : 13 November 2024
Tenor : 91 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$61,831 MN

Tender date : 13 August 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H2462
Issue date : 14 August 2024
Maturity date : 12 February 2025
Tenor : 182 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$16,000 MN

Tender date : 13 August 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Y2493
Issue date : 14 August 2024
Maturity date : 13 August 2025
Tenor : 364 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$3,000 MN

[Secretary for Health meets Southern Medical University delegation \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, met with a delegation led by the Secretary of the Party Committee of Southern Medical University, Mr Zhang Yurun, today (August 6) to exchange views on medical co-operation between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

At the meeting, Professor Lo introduced to the delegation the policy initiatives for cross-boundary medical collaboration, including the progress of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme and the efforts in redoubling the training and exchange of healthcare professionals from the two places.

Professor Lo said, "The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to cross-boundary medical collaboration. In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive adopted 'Cross-boundary Medical Collaboration' for the first time as one of the subtitles with multiple specific measures proposed, including the launch of the Pilot Scheme this year to offer eligible Hong Kong elderly persons additional options of service points for using the Elderly Health Care Vouchers (EHCVs) in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

(GBA). The number of GBA service points where eligible Hong Kong elderly persons can use the EHCVs will be significantly increased to seven from August 14 onwards to cover medical institutions providing integrated or dental services in Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Zhongshan, marking a great leap forward for medical co-operation in the GBA.

"Separately, the HKSAR Government introduced amendments to the Medical Registration Ordinance, the Dentists Registration Ordinance and the Nurses Registration Ordinance successively in recent years to create new pathways for admitting qualified non-locally trained doctors, dentists and nurses, with a view to addressing the shortage of local healthcare professionals as well as fostering exchange and collaboration with healthcare professionals from other regions at the same time. Furthermore, building on the successful experience of the first phase of the Hospital Authority Healthcare Talents Visiting Programme, we are also actively strengthening the two-way training and exchange of healthcare talent of Hong Kong and the Mainland. With the support of the Health Commission of Guangdong Province, a new batch of over 100 healthcare personnel from different cities in Guangdong Province have been engaging in different forms of exchange in the public hospitals in Hong Kong.

"Under the principle of complementarity and mutual benefits and on the premise of benefitting the healthcare development of both the Mainland and Hong Kong, the HKSAR Government has been reinforcing co-operation on healthcare service developments with various counterparts on the Mainland to enhance healthcare quality. Looking ahead, we will remain committed to fostering cross-boundary medical co-operation to propel the important national strategy of 'Healthy China' through concerted efforts."

The Director of Cluster Services of the Hospital Authority, Dr Simon Tang, and representatives of the Health Bureau also attended the meeting today.





5km run of Celebrating 75th anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China "Celebrating the National Day – Harbour Run For Fun" enrolment on August 8

To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold "Celebrating the National Day – Harbour Run For Fun" on September 22 (Sunday) to encourage members of the public to wear Chinese costumes, or costumes with elements of National Day, to celebrate the occasion by running.

"Celebrating the National Day – Harbour Run For Fun" is scheduled to be held alongside the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) and Wan Chai Temporary Promenade in the morning on September 22 for a 5 kilometre run. The quota available for enrolment is 750, and participants must be 14 years old or above. Members of the public can register free of charge. Applicants may enrol through My SmartPLAY App, [the SmartPLAY webpage](#) or Smart Self-service Stations on a first-come, first-served basis from 8.30am on August 8 (Thursday).

Each participant will receive a souvenir T-shirt. Participants completing the run will receive a medal and other gifts. Participants are also encouraged to wear Chinese costumes, or costumes with elements of National Day, to compete for the Best Chinese Costume Prize.

The prospectus is available at My SmartPLAY App, [the SmartPLAY webpage](#), District Leisure Services Offices under the LCSD, and leisure venues with SmartPLAY Services.

In addition, an invitation race will be launched on the event day.

Various government departments and related organisations will be invited to participate in a 3km run and compete for the Most Outstanding Team Costume Prize to celebrate the National Day with creative costumes and showcase their unity and teamwork.

Apart from the runs, a carnival will also be held from 10am to 1pm on the event day in the vicinity of the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) and Tamar Park. Admission is free and no reservation is required. Activities include National Day performances, booth games, a pet grooming competition, a photo corner, an exhibition showcasing the achievements of outstanding Hong Kong athletes, a workshop on Chinese culture and arts as well as a park orienteering activity, etc.

For enquiries on "Celebrating the National Day – Harbour Run For Fun" and the carnival, please contact the Wan Chai District Leisure Services Office at 2879 5622 as well as Central and Western District Leisure Services Office at 2853 2566 during office hours respectively.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 is 104.8 (down 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Inspection of aquatic products imported from Japan

In response to the Japanese Government's plan to discharge nuclear-contaminated water at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene issued a Food Safety Order which prohibits all aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds originating from the 10 metropolis/prefectures, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, from being imported into and supplied in Hong Kong.

For other Japanese aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds that are not prohibited from being imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct comprehensive radiological tests to verify that the radiation levels of these products do not exceed the guideline levels before they are allowed to be supplied in the market.

As the discharge of nuclear-contaminated water is unprecedented and will continue for 30 years or more, the Government will closely monitor and step up the testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening the scope of the import ban.

From noon on August 5 to noon today (August 6), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 163 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category. No sample was found to have exceeded the safety limit. Details can be found on the CFS's thematic website titled "Control Measures on Foods Imported from Japan"

(www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_rafs/programme_rafs_fc_01_30_Nuclear_Event_and_Food_Safety.html).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 50 samples of local catch for radiological levels. All the samples passed the tests. Details can be found on the AFCD's website (www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological_testing/Radiological_Test.html).

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) has also enhanced the environmental monitoring of the local waters. No anomaly has been detected so far. For details, please refer to the HKO's website (www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html).

From August 24 to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 73 838 samples of food imported from Japan (including 47 451 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 17 296 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.