

# Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

## Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

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| Tender date            | : 30 July 2024    |
| Paper on offer         | : EF Bills        |
| Issue number           | : Q2431           |
| Issue date             | : 31 July 2024    |
| Maturity date          | : 30 October 2024 |
| Amount applied         | : HK\$136,620 MN  |
| Amount allotted        | : HK\$59,789 MN   |
| Average yield accepted | : 4.36 PCT        |
| Highest yield accepted | : 4.40 PCT        |
| Pro rata ratio*        | : About 46 PCT    |
| Average tender yield   | : 4.43 PCT        |

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| Tender date            | : 30 July 2024    |
| Paper on offer         | : EF Bills        |
| Issue number           | : H2460           |
| Issue date             | : 31 July 2024    |
| Maturity date          | : 3 February 2025 |
| Amount applied         | : HK\$51,720 MN   |
| Amount allotted        | : HK\$15,000 MN   |
| Average yield accepted | : 4.26 PCT        |
| Highest yield accepted | : 4.28 PCT        |
| Pro rata ratio*        | : About 48 PCT    |
| Average tender yield   | : 4.31 PCT        |

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| Tender date            | : 30 July 2024  |
| Paper on offer         | : EF Bills      |
| Issue number           | : Y2492         |
| Issue date             | : 31 July 2024  |
| Maturity date          | : 30 July 2025  |
| Amount applied         | : HK\$24,010 MN |
| Amount allotted        | : HK\$5,000 MN  |
| Average yield accepted | : 4.00 PCT      |
| Highest yield accepted | : 4.01 PCT      |
| Pro rata ratio*        | : About 72 PCT  |
| Average tender yield   | : 4.09 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.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning August 5, 2024:

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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 |
| Tenor           | : 91 Days         |
| Amount on offer | : HK\$60,231 MN   |

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| Tender date     | : 6 August 2024   |
| Paper on offer  | : EF Bills        |
| Issue number    | : H2461           |
| Issue date      | : 7 August 2024   |
| Maturity date   | : 5 February 2025 |
| Tenor           | : 182 Days        |
| Amount on offer | : HK\$14,000 MN   |

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## [Man holding charged with murder](#)

Police today (July 30) laid a holding charge against a 43-year-old man with one count of murder.

The man was arrested on July 28 in suspected connection with a murder case happened in Wong Tai Sin on July 23, in which a 46-year-old woman died.

The case was mentioned at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts this afternoon.

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## [Effective Exchange Rate Index](#)

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday,

July 30, 2024 is 106.3 (up 0.2 against yesterday's index).

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## 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 July 29 to noon today (July 30), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 159 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 72 134 samples of food imported from Japan (including 46 358 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 16 946 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

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## Speech by STL at 120th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony of Hong Kong Tramways Limited (English only)

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, at the 120th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony of Hong Kong Tramways Limited today (July 30):

Mehdi (Member of the Executive Board, International Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Senior Vice-President of RATP Dev Group, Mr Mehdi Sinaceur), Henri (Asia-Pacific CEO of RATP Dev Group, Mr Henri Pottier), Paul (Managing Director of Hong Kong Tramways Limited, Mr Paul Tirvaudey), distinguished guests, friends, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. It is my great pleasure to join you all to celebrate Hong Kong Tramways' 120th anniversary of service. Today marks a significant milestone for not only the Tramways, but also for Hong Kong's public transport system.

Tram is one of the oldest modes of public transport, and the earliest "mass transit" system in Hong Kong, running along the north coast of Hong Kong Island, traversing the very heart of the city for 120 years. Through all these years, with rapid changes in the city and the emergence of other transport modes, the Tramways remains one of the most well-liked, iconic, and affordable choices of public transport for commuters and tourists alike.

The Tramways has been the backdrop and even part of so many important and historic moments of Hong Kong and our people. Though our city has changed vastly since 1904, our trams have had a constant presence in Hong Kong people's life in the evolving landscape and times. It is much more than just a means of transport for so many of us here; it is a local pride and fixture, known for its legacy and craftsmanship. The theme of the 120th anniversary celebration, "moved by our every journey", particularly resonates with me – transportation, while omnipresent and unassuming that we wouldn't typically give much thought to in our day-to-day life, does not only "move" us physically from a place to another, it also propels us forward in our life journey and leads us to many important moments and experiences in our lives. I can think of many memorable moments while on the rails; and for many Hong Kong people, the ever-present sound of "ding ding" is often strangely

endearing when navigating the busy streets and hectic city lives.

"Ding Ding" is many of the "firsts" in Hong Kong public transport and has not fallen out of the picture since, but the Tramways does not just dwell on its legacy in this fast-changing world. It continues to check the boxes for qualities that are just as, if not more, sought-after and relevant in today's world as ever. Through years of continuous infrastructural improvements and innovations, the Tramways improves its service in terms of safety, service level, passenger riding comfort, and customer satisfaction. Today, it has the largest fleet of in-service double-decker tramcars in the world, proudly designed and made in Hong Kong, for Hong Kong, and "ding ding" has become a cultural icon that is considered trendy but classic.

I note that the Hong Kong Tramways is launching a citywide celebration campaign, aiming to create memorable journeys for families and tourists and bring the joy to everyone in the city. I would like to, again, congratulate Hong Kong Tramways on its 120th "birthday" and invite everyone to join the celebration. I am sure the Tramways will continue to thrive and inspire us for years to come.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Hong Kong fencer Cheung Ka-long for winning the second gold medal for Hong Kong early this morning. I wish the Paris Olympics every success in the coming weeks, and I am sure the Paris Olympics will also be a success for Hong Kong as well.

Thank you.