

Firing practice for August 2024

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (August).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in August 2024:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

Date	Time
August 1 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 2 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 5 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 6 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 7 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 8 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 9 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 12 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 13 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 14 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 15 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 16 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 17 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
August 19 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 20 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 21 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 22 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 23 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 24 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
August 26 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 27 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 28 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 29 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 30 (Friday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

Date	Time
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August 1 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 2 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 3 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
August 5 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 6 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 7 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 8 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 9 (Friday)	8am-9pm
August 10 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
August 12 (Monday)	8am-9pm
August 13 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
August 14 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 15 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 16 (Friday)	8am-9pm
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August 28 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
August 29 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
August 30 (Friday)	8am-9pm

Tender result for site on Cheung Man Road, Chai Wan under Private Subsidised Sale Flat – Pilot Scheme

The tender result for the site on Cheung Man Road, Chai Wan for development under the Private Subsidised Sale Flat Pilot Scheme was announced today (July 24). By the tender closing last Friday (July 19), the Government had received one tender, which was rejected as the tendered premium did not meet the Government's reserve price for the Site.

The Government is committed to providing more subsidised housing and enriching the housing ladder to meet the public's home ownership aspirations. To this end, the Government announced the policy framework of the Pilot Scheme in the middle of last year for private developers to participate in the development of subsidised sale flats (SSFs), with a view to enhancing the overall development capacity by leveraging market forces. There are two approaches for development under the Pilot Scheme, namely the public tendering approach and the private land approach. The Government indicated earlier that three sites would be put up for tender in batches from 2023/24 onwards under the public tendering approach, and the Site is the first one

put up for public tender with the tender invitation on March 28 and the tender closing on July 19 this year.

"The policy framework of the Pilot Scheme has been formulated upon overall consideration of various factors, including provision of more choices of SSFs for the public, positioning of private SSFs in the housing ladder, attractiveness to private developers, etc., and has also reflected the views of stakeholders. The key parameters of the Pilot Scheme have been clearly set out under the policy framework, and relevant requirements have been reflected in the land sale conditions. We believe that the arrangements have already provided sufficient incentives for developers' participation while ensuring flat quality.

"Of a moderate scale of development, the Site would enable the provision of not less than 700 private SSFs. Pursuant to the policy framework of the Pilot Scheme, the flats are to be sold at 65 per cent of the market prices (i.e. at a discount of 35 per cent), which has been taken into account in the Lands Department's assessment of the reserve price for the Site. Having regard to its urban location and close proximity to an MTR station, we consider the Site suitable for developers to participate in the development of private SSFs under the Pilot Scheme," a Government spokesman said.

As with other land sale sites tendered by the Government, tenderers' bids are influenced by a myriad of factors, such as how individual tenderers assess the market conditions and the attractiveness of the site, as well as their corporate positions and development strategies.

"The Government will continue to provide more subsidised housing and enrich the housing ladder. We will also keep in view the market development, and review in due course if there is a need to adjust some of the key parameters of the Pilot Scheme as well as future tender arrangements for sites under the Pilot Scheme. We will also continue to encourage private developers to participate in the Pilot Scheme under the private land approach," the spokesman said.

Tender result for Chai Wan residential site announced

The Lands Department announced today (July 24) that one tender received for the sale of a residential site in Chai Wan Inland Lot No. 185 on Cheung Man Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong, had been rejected, as the tendered premium did not meet the Government's reserve price for the Site. The tenderer was Able Best Limited (parent company: Able Engineering Holdings Limited).

The Site is disposed of in the open market under the established

mechanism. The Government will not sell a site if no bid reaches the reserve price as assessed by the Government's professional valuers. This is in the interest of protecting public revenue. The reserve price is set on the day of tender closure, so that the latest market conditions are taken into account.

The Government will not speculate on the considerations behind the bids placed by tenderers. Bids are influenced by a myriad of factors, such as how individual tenderers assess the attractiveness of the site and the market conditions, as well as their corporate positions and development strategies.

The Site has an area of about 5 213 square metres and is designated for non-industrial (excluding godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes. The minimum gross floor area for private residential purposes is 30 016 sq m and the maximum gross floor area for private residential purposes that may be attained is 41 704 sq m. The maximum gross floor area for non-industrial (excluding private residential, godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes is computed according to the relevant special condition in the Conditions of Sale. Both the total gross floor area and that for non-industrial (excluding private residential, godown, hotel and petrol filling station) purposes shall include the gross floor area of Government Accommodation, being a day care centre for the elderly and a centre for home care services for frail elderly persons, to be constructed by the purchaser under the Conditions of Sale. Not less than 700 residential units shall be developed within the lot under the Private Subsidised Sale Flats Pilot Scheme. The tender closed on July 19.

[Cluster of Candida auris cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH) made the following announcement today (July 24):

An 89-year-old male patient in a medicine ward of HKBH was confirmed to carry *Candida auris* on July 19. In accordance with the prevailing guideline, HKBH has conducted contact tracing and found two more male patients, aged 83 and 84, carrying *Candida auris*. The three patients are now being treated in isolation with stable condition.

The ward concerned has adopted the following enhanced infection control measures:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff

and patients; and

3. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned.

The hospital will continue the enhanced infection control measures and closely monitor the situation of the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 is 106.4 (same as yesterday's index).