

Auction of traditional vehicle registration marks to be held on July 15

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 28) announced that the auction of traditional vehicle registration marks will be held on July 15 (Saturday) in Meeting Room S221, L2, Old Wing, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 340 vehicle registration marks will be put up for public auction. The list of marks has been uploaded to the department's website, www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/vehicle_registration_mark/index.html," a department spokesman said.

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.

SITI to visit Beijing

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, will depart for Beijing today (June 28). He will meet with relevant officials of the Cyberspace Administration of China tomorrow (June 29) and return to Hong Kong in the afternoon of the same day.

During his absence, the Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lillian Cheong, will be the Acting Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry.

Announcement of fourth batch of recognised medical qualifications under Medical Registration Ordinance

In accordance with the Medical Registration Ordinance, the Registrar of Medical Practitioners (i.e. the Director of Health) announced today (June 28) the fourth batch of 25 medical qualifications (see Annex 1) recognised by the Special Registration Committee (SRC).

The list of the fourth batch of recognised medical qualifications will be gazetted on June 30 and take effect on the same day. It will be submitted

to the Legislative Council for negative vetting on July 5. Together with the first three batches of medical qualifications recognised as announced last year (see Annex 2), the SRC has so far recommended a total of 100 medical qualifications for recognition. The SRC is now pressing ahead with the assessment of other non-local medical programmes that fulfil the stipulated criteria in order to determine the next batch of recognised medical qualifications.

The Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 came into effect upon gazettal on October 29, 2021. Non-locally trained doctors who possess recognised medical qualifications, subject to their fulfilment of certain criteria, may apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong (i.e. the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health, the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong). After serving for a certain period, obtaining recognised specialist qualifications and passing the assessment, they will be granted full registration to practise in Hong Kong. For non-locally trained medical graduates who possess recognised medical qualifications but have yet to undergo internship outside Hong Kong, subject to their fulfilment of the relevant criteria, they may take the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) in order to apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong. They may also obtain full registration after meeting the requirements applicable to all special registration doctors.

The SRC was established under the MCHK in November 2021 to determine the list of recognised medical qualifications upon reviewing the programmes offered by non-local medical schools with quality comparable to those provided by the two medical schools in Hong Kong. The list is submitted to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners for promulgation.

When determining the list of recognised medical qualifications, the SRC will consider and recommend a medical qualification that fulfils the following criteria:

- (a) that is at the level of degree or higher;
 - (b) that is awarded by a body broadly comparable to any local university awarding medical qualifications in terms of international rankings; and
 - (c) that is broadly comparable to the medical qualifications awarded by any local university in terms of:
 - (i) the curriculum of the programmes leading to the medical qualifications;
 - (ii) the medium of instruction of the programmes; and
 - (iii) any other aspects the SRC considers appropriate.
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Flag-raising ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 8am today (June 28) will be cancelled.

If the thunderstorm warning is cancelled and weather conditions permit by then, the flag-raising ceremony may be resumed without further notice.

SCS Leads Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments to conduct study and duty visit in Beijing and Hangzhou (with photos)

The delegation of Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on a study and duty visit led by the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, completed the study programme at the National Academy of Governance (NAG) this morning (June 27). They arrived in Zhejiang Province in the afternoon and visited the 1954 Constitution Archives Exhibition Hall.

The Director of the China Institute of Fudan University, Professor Zhang Weiwei, gave a lecture on China's democratic politics to the participants so as to let them have an in-depth understanding of the country's unique system to achieve substantive democracy, good governance and stable and sustainable development. After completing the study programme, Vice President of the NAG Mr Gong Weibin, attended and delivered a speech at the closing ceremony.

In the afternoon, Mrs Yeung and the Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments visited the 1954 Constitution Archives Exhibition Hall in Hangzhou. It is the place where the 1954 Constitution, the first Constitution of the People's Republic of China, was drafted.

She said the Constitution is the fundamental law of the state. Civil servants of the HKSAR must have a grasp of the Constitution of the country and accurately understand and safeguard the constitutional order established under the Constitution and the Basic Law. The senior civil servants should set themselves as good examples in this regard.

The delegation will obtain a deeper understanding of the practical experience of grassroots governance and common prosperity in Zhejiang Province tomorrow (June 28).

