

# Appointments to Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Expert Group

The Government today (June 16) announced the new term of membership of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Expert Group. The appointments are for a term of two years with effect from June 20, 2023.

In accordance with the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Ordinance (Cap. 607), the Expert Group shall consider and advise on the administration of the Ordinance.

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department thanked the outgoing chairman, Professor Lam Hon-ming, and members Professor Wong Kam-bo, Ms Nicole Wong Pik-yan, Dr William Yu Yuen-ping, Dr Chan Mo-chee, Mr Lam Chun-hong, Mr Yip Wing-kui, Dr Tsui Bo-yin, Ms Elaine Yuen Yan-ling and Ms Cecily Wong Sze-yi for their valuable contributions during their term of service.

The membership of the Expert Group is as follows:

Chairman

Professor Chow King-lau

Members

Mr Chan Ka-tung

Ms Chick Hiu-lai

Ms Chiu Yuk-lin

Mr Chong Yan-kit

Dr Chui Pui-yi

Professor Jonathan Julio Fong

Professor Jerome Hui Ho-lam

Ms Kiffany Ng Shan-shan

Dr Angie Ng Ying-sim

Professor Qiu Jian-wen

Mr Tse Tsz-fung

Dr Creany Wong Ka-wai

Dr Yau Chi-ping

Assistant Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Conservation)

Assistant Director of Health with Principal Medical and Health Officer as alternate member

Principal Assistant Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Nature Conservation) with Assistant Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Nature Conservation) 2 as alternate member

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# Government Flying Service launches new H175 full flight simulator (with photos)

The Government Flying Service (GFS) has introduced a new H175 full flight simulator (FFS) to provide realistic and immersive training for the GFS's pilots to enhance their capabilities in taking up tough search and rescue missions.

The Controller of the GFS, Captain West Wu, today (June 16) said, "The newly introduced facility is the first custom-made search and rescue mission simulator for Airbus H175 helicopter in the world. The FFS will enhance the safety and efficiency of GFS operations by enabling pilots to train for complex and challenging missions without risking the crew or aircraft. It will also reduce the operational costs and environmental impact of the training, as it will save fuel and helicopter maintenance expenses."

The FFS consists of a full-size replica of the GFS H175 helicopter cockpit, a visual system providing an out-of-the-cockpit view, motion systems, and a sound system. It can simulate various flight scenarios and environmental conditions, such as day and night, and different weather, terrain and emergencies. It is also equipped with the high-resolution Hong Kong geographical and visual database, which allows pilots to carry out mission training in realistic environmental conditions.

The FFS project underwent two years of development and testing, first in Spain where the factory is located, and then in Hong Kong where it was reassembled and installed at the GFS Flight Simulator Training Centre. The FFS obtained Level D qualification, the highest level of qualification by the European Aviation Safety Agency and the Civil Aviation Department, last year.

Captain Wu said, "The GFS is committed to serving the community and the Government by providing 24-hour aviation services through dedication, teamwork and professional excellence. The new FFS will help us achieve this goal by enhancing our training capabilities and ensuring that our pilots are always ready to respond to any emergencies."





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## **Education Bureau alerts public to fraudulent SMS message**

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (June 16) called on the public to stay vigilant against a fraudulent SMS message that falsely claims to be issued by the EDB for confirmation of payment for a package and collection of a DHL package. The SMS message also contains a hyperlink to a fake website.

The EDB solemnly clarifies that it has not sent the SMS message in question. It has reported the case to the Police.

Members of the public should stay alert to suspicious messages and not disclose any personal information or visit any suspicious websites. Anyone who has provided personal information to fake websites should contact the Police immediately. For enquiries, please call the EDB at 2892 5709.

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## **Immigration Department reminds public to remain vigilant against phone scams**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) has all along been very concerned about phone scams involving scammers posing as immigration officers, and noticed recent suspicious phone calls with pre-recorded voice messages notifying the recipients about application for or collection of their documents.

An ImmD spokesman again reminded members of the public that the ImmD does not make any pre-recorded voice calls to members of the public, and the ImmD will not transfer calls to other non-local authorities and ask the call recipients to provide their personal information.

The public should remain vigilant and verify the identity of a caller when receiving suspicious phone calls, and should not disclose any personal information to others arbitrarily. If there is any doubt, please call the ImmD's enquiry hotline on 2824 6111 or email [enquiry@immd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk).

Anyone suspecting a scam should immediately report it to the Police.

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## **Proposed construction of covered footbridge at Cheong Tung Road in Hung Hom gazetted**

The Government gazetted today (June 16) the proposed construction of a covered footbridge linking the hotel development at No.1 Cheong Tung Road in Hung Hom and a footbridge (No. KF102) connecting the covered walkway network of Hung Hom MTR station near Hung Ling Street.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Kowloon City Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
LG/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,  
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon West,  
4/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices,  
11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan are available at [www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html](http://www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html).

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government

Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);

- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to [gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk](mailto:gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk).

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than August 15, 2023.