

## SCST expresses deep sorrow over passing of Huang Yongyu

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (June 14) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Chinese painting master, Huang Yongyu, and extended his deepest condolences to the family of the deceased.

Mr Huang was a renowned figure in the painting world and was showered with honours. Blending rich Chinese accents and western elements, his paintings were not only unique but had also inspired the succeeding generations. Furthermore, Mr Huang was a prominent print artist and poet. His poems were modest, moving and thought-provoking. In 2004, the Hong Kong Museum of Art hosted an exhibition on reviewing Mr Huang's work at his age of 80, while the museum keeps eight of his ink paintings and print arts.

Mr Yeung said, "We are saddened by Mr Huang's passing, but his work will surely echo down the ages and he will be remembered fondly."

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## Unauthorised website and mobile applications related to Dah Sing Bank, Limited

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Dah Sing Bank, Limited relating to unauthorised website and mobile applications (Apps), which have been reported to the HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the [HKMA website](#).

The HKMA wishes to remind the public that banks will not send SMS or emails with embedded hyperlinks which direct them to the banks' websites to carry out transactions. They will not ask customers for sensitive personal information, such as login passwords or one-time password, by phone, email or SMS (including via embedded hyperlinks).

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the website or Apps concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at

## [Speech by FS at HKEX 23rd Anniversary Celebrations \(English only\) \(with photos/video\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, at the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) 23rd Anniversary Celebrations today (June 14):

Laura (Chairman of the HKEX, Mrs Laura Cha), Gucho (Chief Executive Officer of the HKEX, Mr Nicolas Aguzin), 鄧炳强 (Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Liu Guangyuan), 王毅 (Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Mr Yin Zonghua), Chris (Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui), Tim (Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission, Mr Tim Lui), Eddie (Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Mr Eddie Yue), Salina (Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Ms Salina Yan), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening to you all. It gives me great pleasure to join you today in celebration of the HKEX's 23rd anniversary.

And seeing the HKEX celebrating its anniversary again physically in full scale for the first time in the past four years is particularly cheering.

For so many years, the HKEX has been the Government's staunch partner, being an active contributor, participant and witness to the successful development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre (IFC).

Thanks to the staunch support of our country, Hong Kong, with its unique advantages under the "one country, two systems" framework, has contributed to the spectacular development of the Mainland over the past four and a half decades. In the process, we have also benefited tremendously and developed into Asia's best IFC.

For a long time, we have been playing an instrumental role in helping Mainland enterprises in going global, for which they have undertaken reforms and continuously enhanced their financial reporting and governance standards. We have also created the platform that connects international companies and capital to their Mainland counterparts.

Over the past two decades or so, we have seen remarkable growth of our listing platform. As elucidated by Laura just now, our stock market capitalisation now stands at around HK\$35 trillion. That is indeed 13 times of our GDP (gross domestic product), indicating a huge hinterland, the Mainland, that it serves. Back in 1997, the figure was just two times.

In fact, we never stop moving to enhance our platform's competitiveness. As you could remember, in 2018, we introduced reforms to the listing rules to allow new economy companies with weighted voting rights structure to get listed in our stock exchange.

This has injected much liquidity and vibrancy to our stock market – today, we are home to more than 250 such companies. Although they constitute just 10 per cent of the number of listed companies in Hong Kong, their market capitalisation and average daily turnover both stand at around 25 per cent of our market. The average daily turnover of our stock market has also reached a new height, from HK\$88 billion in 2017 to HK\$125 billion in 2022.

Just in March, the HKEX rolled out a new listing regime for pre-profit or pre-revenue hard tech companies, covering next-generation IT to new materials and new energy. This is a move that will guide the needed capital to support frontier technological research, and help drive the development of relevant industries in Hong Kong and the region. This is all the more timely as our country is actively seeking to achieve high-level technological self-reliance.

No less promising is the more pivotal role that Hong Kong will play in connecting the capital markets of the Mainland and the world, and in the internationalisation of the Renminbi (RMB). The gradual expansion and success of the Connect Schemes are testimony to this. From Stock Connect to Bond Connect, and the recent inclusion of ETFs (exchange-traded funds) and the rolling out of Swap Connect, the channels for two-way fund flows have been broadening and deepening.

Come Monday morning, the new Hong Kong dollar and RMB dual-counter trading will go live, allowing investors to trade securities from the same issuer in both currencies and across counters. No Monday morning blues next week, I can assure you.

Next, we will press ahead with the inclusion of RMB-denominated securities under Southbound Connect, so that Mainland investors can trade Hong Kong shares with their onshore RMB.

Ladies and gentlemen, amid the lingering challenges brought by the still-tentative global economy and daunting geopolitical concerns, we will need to work together and harder to fortify our status as a world-class fund-raising platform.

As our country continues to embrace high-level two-way opening up and strengthen collaboration with economies around the world for mutual development and common prosperity, we have an important role to play. That is

to better serve the financing needs of our partner countries – whether they relate to infrastructure financing or green projects.

In particular, as the world moves towards green and low-carbon transition, there is a lot more that Hong Kong can do to contribute to the global initiative. We have set our sights on becoming a leading green technology and green finance centre of the world, to create an entire new industry chain that will provide the impetus to sustain further social and economic development of Hong Kong.

We are pleased to note that the HKEX is also an enthusiastic partner to green and ESG (environmental, social and governance) development, including, as alluded to by Laura earlier, the launch of Core Climate as well as setting out proposals to enhance climate-related disclosures.

And, as RMB becomes more popular as a trading, investment and reserve currency, we are well positioned to offer more RMB-denominated investment and risk management products to satisfy such growing needs and further strengthen Hong Kong's role as the offshore RMB business hub.

For all of these endeavours, I look forward to the staunch and unfailing support of the HKEX, as you have always given us. For this, my sincere thanks to Laura, Gucho and each and every one of you at the HKEX.

My congratulations, once again, on the 23rd anniversary of the HKEX. I know you will all enjoy this very special evening. There's much to look forward to – tonight and throughout this year of promise and opportunity.

Thank you.



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[CHP investigates outbreak of acute gastroenteritis at kindergarten in](#)

# Kennedy Town

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (June 14) investigating an outbreak of acute gastroenteritis (AGE) at a kindergarten in Kennedy Town, and hence reminded the public and management of institutions to maintain personal and environmental hygiene against AGE.

The outbreak involves 19 pupils, comprising nine boys and 10 girls aged 3 to 5, and one staff member. They developed vomiting, diarrhoea and fever since June 8. Fifteen of the affected pupils sought medical attention, and none required hospitalisation. All patients are in stable condition.

An epidemiological investigation revealed that there was a student in the outbreak who vomited at the school. Other students and staff developed gastrointestinal symptoms in subsequent days. The CHP considers that the outbreak has a higher chance of person-to-person transmission or environmental contamination, while the chance of involving food poisoning is relatively low.

Officers of the CHP have conducted a site visit and provided health advice to the staff of the kindergarten concerning proper and thorough disinfection, proper disposal of vomitus, and personal and environmental hygiene. The kindergarten has been put under medical surveillance.

Investigations are ongoing.

A spokesman for the CHP reminded that alcohol-based handrub should not substitute hand hygiene with liquid soap and water, as alcohol does not effectively kill some viruses frequently causing AGE, e.g. norovirus. Members of the public are advised to take heed of the following preventive measures against gastroenteritis:

- Ensure proper personal hygiene;
- Wash hands thoroughly before handling food and eating, after using the toilet or after changing diapers;
- Wear gloves when disposing of vomitus or faecal matter, and wash hands afterwards;
- Clean and disinfect contaminated areas or items promptly and thoroughly with diluted household bleach (by adding one part of bleach containing 5.25 per cent sodium hypochlorite to 49 parts of water). Wash hands thoroughly afterwards;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- Pay attention to food hygiene;
- Use separate utensils to handle raw and cooked food;
- Avoid food that is not thoroughly cooked;
- Drink boiled water; and
- Do not patronise unlicensed food premises or food stalls.

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The public may visit the CHP's website ([www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk)) or call the DH's Health Education Infoline (2833 0111) for more information.

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## **New “green lane” logistics flow created after successful launch of Hunan-Guangdong-Hong Kong Single E-Lock Scheme (with photos)**

The Hunan-Guangdong-Hong Kong Single E-lock Scheme was officially launched and the Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Ms Louise Ho, attended the launching ceremony in Changsha, Hunan yesterday (June 13). The first batch of transshipment postal items was successfully delivered to the Hong Kong International Airport Air Mail Centre from Changsha, Hunan today (June 14), and was ready for transshipment to overseas destinations.

Under the Scheme, both Changsha and Hong Kong Customs conducted real-time monitoring on the batch of postal items by the use of e-locks and GPS technology, and the transportation truck could arrive at Hong Kong International Airport directly via the Shenzhen Bay Port. All these help to minimise duplicate inspections, streamline the Customs clearance process and further facilitate cross-border trade.

Following Guangdong Province, Hunan Province is the second Mainland province to implement the Scheme. Under the Scheme, the Speedy Customs Clearance System of the Mainland Customs is interconnected with the Intermodal Transshipment Facilitation Scheme of Hong Kong Customs, further enhancing the cross-border logistics safety chain and expediting the cargo transshipment flow.

The official launch of the Customs clearance points of the Single E-lock Scheme in Hunan has marked a new breakthrough in trade and clearance facilitation and co-operation between Hong Kong and Hunan Customs. The new “green lane” not only helps to promote Hunan's products to international markets, but also consolidates Hong Kong's position as an international logistics centre, unleashing unlimited business opportunities for Hong Kong's logistics industry.

