

LCQ11: Public Wi-Fi services provided in public hospitals

Following is a question by Dr the Hon Pierre Chan and a written reply by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, in the Legislative Council today (September 8):

Question:

At present, all public hospitals are installed with Wi-Fi.HK hotspots (hotspots) to provide members of the public with free public Wi-Fi services. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

(1) whether it knows the following information on the hotspots currently installed in various public hospitals (set out in a table): (i) the number of hotspots (and among them, the respective numbers of those using 2.4 and 5 GHz bands), (ii) the locations and (iii) the daily average usage;

(2) whether it knows the factors considered by the Hospital Authority (HA) when selecting locations in public hospitals for installing hotspots;

(3) given that hotspot signs have been put up near each hotspot in various public hospitals at present, whether the Government knows if HA has assessed, in respect of such signs, whether (i) their display positions are appropriate, and (ii) their numbers are sufficient; if HA has, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and

(4) whether it knows the cyber security measures adopted by HA for protecting the safety of Wi-Fi service users?

Reply:

President,

In consultation with the Innovation and Technology Bureau and the Hospital Authority (HA), my reply to the various parts of the question raised by Dr the Hon Pierre Chan is as follows:

(1) and (2) Through the "Wi-Fi Connected City" programme implemented by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), the HA invited telecommunications service operators to participate in the Public-Private Collaboration (PPC) arrangement to provide public access to free Wi-Fi service at the HA's public hospitals on a voluntary and self-funded basis. Currently free Wi-Fi service at 16 public hospitals are being provided by operators participating in the PPC arrangement. On the other hand, the OGCI0 has funded the provision of free Wi-Fi service in 27 public hospitals. To enhance public access to the free Wi-Fi service, Wi-Fi.HK hotspots mainly cover public waiting areas of the public hospitals, including Accident

&Emergency (A&E) departments, outpatient clinics, pharmacies and restaurants. A vast majority of the "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots in the aforesaid public hospitals support both the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands. Details are set out in Annex.

(3) The HA and its operators had, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the OGCI0, put up signage of the hotspot icon near "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots in all participating venues under the "Wi-Fi Connected City" programme, so as to inform the public of the relevant services. Aside from that, details on the locations of all "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots have been uploaded to the "Wi-Fi.HK" website and "Wi-Fi.HK" mobile app.

(4) All service operators providing public Wi-Fi are required to follow the "Guidelines on the Security Aspects for the Design, Implementation, Management and Operation of Public Wi-Fi Service" issued by the Office of the Communications Authority, as well as adhering to the related operational safety guidelines issued by the OGCI0. Aside from that, service operators have to adopt digital server certificates to enable Wi-Fi service users to verify the identity of the organisation that provides the service. A client isolation function has also been applied to free Wi-Fi services at government venues (including at public hospitals) to serve as another layer of safety precaution to reduce the risk and threats of attacks among users' devices connected to the Wi-Fi hotspots.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (September 8), six COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 12044, 12089, 12098, 12100, 12104 and 12105) were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 11 831 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 576 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 077 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 51 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in eight public hospitals and the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre and all of them are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Tender results of re-opening of 15-year Government Bonds under Institutional Bond Issuance Programme

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority, as representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSAR Government), announces that a tender of 15-year Government Bonds through the re-opening of existing 15-year Government Bond issue 15GB3603 under the Institutional Bond Issuance Programme was held today (September 8).

A total of HK\$1.0 billion 15-year Government Bonds were offered today. A total of HK\$2.709 billion tender applications were received. The bid-to-cover ratio, i.e. the ratio of bonds applied for to bonds issued, is 2.71. The average price accepted is 99.74, implying an annualised yield of 1.617 per cent.

HKSAR Government Institutional Bond Issuance Programme Government Bond tender results

Tender results of re-opening of 15-year Government Bonds under the Institutional Bond Issuance Programme:

Tender date	: September 8, 2021
Issue number	: 15GB3603 (Re-open)
Stock code	: 4244 (HKGB 1.59 3603)
Issue and settlement date	: September 9, 2021
Tenor	: 15-year
Maturity date	: March 4, 2036
Coupon rate	: 1.59 per cent
Amount applied	: HK\$2.709 billion
Amount allotted	: HK\$1.0 billion
Bid-to-Cover ratio*	: 2.71
Average price accepted (yield)	: 99.74 (1.617 per cent)
Lowest price accepted (yield)	: 99.01 (1.674 per cent)
Pro-rata ratio	: About 80 per cent
Average tender price (yield)	: 98.14 (1.744 per cent)

*Calculated as the amount of bonds applied for over the amount of bonds issued.

Speech by FS at Global Fintech Market Updates: Hong Kong-Korea Ecosystem webinar (English only)

Following is the video speech by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, at the Global Fintech Market Updates: Hong Kong-Korea Ecosystem webinar this afternoon (September 8):

Consul General (Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Hong Kong, Mr Baek Yong-chun), Margaret (Executive Director of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Ms Margaret Fong), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon.

It's a pleasure to speak to you today. I'm always pleased to talk about the future of finance, especially in an international forum bringing together fintech professionals, investors and believers from Hong Kong, Korea and beyond.

We have much to learn from each other, much to gain, in fintech co-operation.

Hong Kong now counts more than 600 fintech companies. They provide mobile payments, cross-boundary transfers, financial consultancy, wealth management and much more.

Let me add that eight virtual banks, four virtual insurers and one virtual-asset trading platform are now operating in Hong Kong.

And we're just getting going, ladies and gentlemen. The Mainland's 14th Five-Year Plan supports Hong Kong's determination to enhance its status as an international financial centre, develop into a global innovation and technology hub and deepen mutual access between the financial markets of Hong Kong and the Mainland.

To that end, we are pursuing a plethora of fintech prospects, including the use of central bank digital currency for cross-border transactions.

The boundless possibilities of financial technology can only boost Hong Kong's competitiveness as a global financial services centre.

Korea's innovative high-tech sector also has much to offer Hong Kong.

And I'm grateful to the Korean consulate, the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency and our Trade Development Council for organising today's inaugural fintech market gathering, for encouraging co-operation between our two economies in this far-reaching sector.

I know you will enjoy today's welcome exchange. The good news is, there's more to come. Hong Kong Fintech Week takes place in the first week of November. And I look forward to seeing you there.

Until then, I wish you all good health and the best of business.

Thank you.

[Appeal for information on missing man in Kwai Chung \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (September 8) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwai Chung.

Li Hon-sun, aged 82, went missing after he was last seen on Hing Ning Road, Kwai Chung yesterday morning (September 7). His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.7 metres tall, 70 kilograms in weight and of medium build. He has a long face with yellow complexion and short white hair. He was last seen wearing a white shirt, black trousers, black shoes, a white cap and carrying a black umbrella and a black sling bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 6124 8205 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

