

Fraudulent website related to Bank of Communications (Hong Kong) 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 Bank of Communications (Hong Kong) Limited relating to a fraudulent website, which has 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 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 2860 5012.

Fraudulent websites and internet banking login screens related to China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited relating to fraudulent websites and internet banking login screens, 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 websites or login screens 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 2860 5012.

Appointments to GBA Task Force and Advisory Group of GBA Lawyers announced

The Government announced today (March 3) the appointment of seven new members, as well as the reappointment of 19 incumbent members, of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Task Force and thereunder the Advisory Group of GBA Lawyers. Their appointments take effect today for a term of two years.

The Chairman of the GBA Task Force, the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan, welcomed the new members of the GBA Task Force, namely Mr Neville Cheng Chung-hon, Mr Michael Lok Hui-yin, Mr Tse Shing-yick, Mr Joaquim Vong Keng-hei and Mr Zeng Xuezhi, and the new members of the Advisory Group of GBA Lawyers, Mr Cheong Wang-chit and Mr Wong Sin-tuen. Dr Cheung said he believes that the reappointed and newly appointed members will provide invaluable advice on promoting the construction of the rule of law in the GBA.

Dr Cheung also thanked the outgoing member, Mr Wong Pit-man, for his contributions to the GBA Task Force.

The membership of the GBA Task Force and the GBA Advisory Group are set out in the Annex.

Hong Kong Customs to publicise Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones

Regulatory Regime at jewellery exhibition (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs will set up a booth at the Hong Kong International Jewellery Show, to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), from tomorrow (March 4) for five consecutive days, to publicise the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Regulatory Regime, and will provide on-site counter services to assist non-Hong Kong dealers in submitting cash transaction reports during their participation in the exhibition.

According to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (Cap. 615), the Regime came into effect on April 1, 2023. Any person who is seeking to carry on a business of dealing in precious metals and stones, and engage in any transaction(s) (whether making or receiving a payment) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 in Hong Kong is required to register with Hong Kong Customs and fulfil his/her anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing statutory obligations as appropriate. All dealers in precious metals and stones must successfully obtain a relevant registration before they can carry out any cash or non-cash transaction(s) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000.

For non-Hong Kong dealers fulfilling the prescribed conditions (including those who come to Hong Kong to participate in exhibitions), although they are exempt from registration, they are required to submit to Hong Kong Customs a cash transaction report for any cash transaction(s) (whether making or receiving a payment) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 carried out in Hong Kong within one day after the transaction, or before the dealer or the person acting on behalf of the dealer leaves Hong Kong, whichever is earlier.

Non-Hong Kong dealers can make an online submission of a cash transaction report via the Regime's webpage at www.drs.customs.gov.hk by accessing the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Registration System. They can also download the related form at www.drs.customs.gov.hk/download/drsform/CED418_Form%208_Cash%20transaction%20report.pdf and then submit the report in person at Hong Kong Customs' booth in the exhibition.

The Hong Kong Customs' booth (Booth 1C-C18) is located at HKCEC Hall 1C and will be open from 10.30am to 6.30pm on March 4, from 10am to 6.30pm between March 5 and 7, and from 10am to 5.30pm on March 8.

Dealers can visit the website (www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/anti-money-laundering/supervision-of-dealers-in-precious-metals-and-stones/index.html) for more information about the Regime.



Tender for re-opening of 5-year HKD HKSAR Institutional Government Bonds to be held on March 5

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), as representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSAR Government), announced today (March 3) that a tender of 5-year HKD Government Bonds (Bonds) through the re-opening of existing 5-year Government Bond issue 05GB2912001 under the Infrastructure Bond Programme will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, for settlement on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

An additional amount of HKD1.5 billion of the outstanding 5-year Bonds (issue no. 05GB2912001) will be on offer. The Bonds will mature on December 5, 2029 and will carry interest at the rate of 3.23 per cent per annum payable semi-annually in arrear. The Indicative Pricings of the Bonds on March 3, 2025 are 99.59 with an annualised yield of 3.352 per cent.

Tender is open only to Primary Dealers appointed under the Infrastructure Bond Programme. Anyone wishing to apply for the Bonds on offer can do so through any of the Primary Dealers on the latest published list, which can be obtained from the Hong Kong Government Bonds website at www.hkgb.gov.hk. Each tender must be for an amount of HKD50,000 or integral multiples thereof.

Tender results will be published on the HKMA's website, the Hong Kong Government Bonds website, Bloomberg (GBHK <GO>) and Refinitiv (IBPGSBPINDEX). The publication time is expected to be no later than 3pm on the tender day.

HKSAR Institutional Government Bonds Tender Information

Tender information of re-opening of 5-year HKD HKSAR Institutional Government Bonds:

Issue Number	: 05GB2912001
Stock Code	: 4284 (HKGB 3.23 2912)
Tender Date and Time	: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 9.30 am to 10.30 am
Issue and Settlement Date	: Thursday, March 6, 2025
Amount on Offer	: HKD1.5 billion
Maturity	: 5 years
Remaining maturity	: Approximately 4.75 years
Maturity Date	: Wednesday, December 5, 2029
Interest Rate	: 3.23 per cent p.a. payable semi-annually in arrear
Interest Payment Dates	: June 5 and December 5 in each year, commencing on the Issue Date up to and including the Maturity Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the Institutional Issuances Information Memorandum of the Infrastructure Bond Programme and Government Sustainable Bond Programme (Information Memorandum) published on the Hong Kong Government Bonds website.
Method of Tender	: Competitive tender Each competitive tender must be for an amount of HKD50,000 or integral multiples thereof. Any tender applications for the Bonds must be submitted through a Primary Dealer on the latest published list. The accrued interest to be paid by successful bidders on the issue date (March 6, 2025) for the tender amount is
Tender Amount	: 402.64 per minimum denomination of HKD50,000. (The accrued interest to be paid for tender amount exceeding HKD50,000 may not be exactly equal to the figures calculated from the accrued interest per minimum denomination of HKD50,000 due to rounding).
Other Details	: Please see the Information Memorandum available on the Hong Kong Government Bonds website or approach Primary Dealers.

Expected
commencement date
of dealing on
the Stock
Exchange
of Hong Kong
Limited

: The tender amount is fully fungible with
the existing 05GB2912001 (Stock code:
4284) listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong
Kong.

Use of Proceeds :

The Bonds will be issued under the
institutional part of the Infrastructure
Bond Programme. Proceeds will be invested
in infrastructure projects in accordance
with the Infrastructure Bond Framework
published on the Hong Kong Government
Bonds website.