Fraudulent website related to Hang Seng 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 Hang Seng Bank, Limited on fraudulent website, which has been reported to the HKMA. Hyperlink to the press release is available on the HKMA website for ease of reference by members of the public.

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information to the website concerned or has conducted any financial transactions through the website should contact the bank concerned using the contact information provided in the press release, and report to the Police or contact the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 is 100.2 (same as yesterday's index).

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date : January 5, 2021

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : Q2101

Issue date : January 6, 2021
Maturity date : April 7, 2021
Amount applied : HK\$154,975 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$59,328 MN

Average yield accepted : 0.03 PCT Highest yield accepted : 0.04 PCT

Pro rata ratio* : About 54 PCT : 0.06 PCT

Average tender yield

Tender date January 5, 2021

Paper on offer EF Bills Issue number H2130

Issue date January 6, 2021 Maturity date July 7, 2021 Amount applied HK\$38,700 MN Amount allotted HK\$18,000 MN

Average yield accepted : 0.05 PCT Highest yield accepted : 0.07 PCT Pro rata ratio* : About 41 PCT Average tender yield : 0.08 PCT

*"Pro rata ratio" refers to the average percentage of allotment with respect to each tender participant's tendered amount at the "highest yield accepted" level.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning January 11, 2021:

Tender date : January 12, 2021

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : 02102

Issue date : January 13, 2021 Maturity date : April 14, 2021

: 91 Days Tenor

Amount on offer : HK\$61,330 MN

: January 12, 2021 Tender date

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2131

Issue date : January 13, 2021 : July 14, 2021 Maturity date

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$18,000 MN

<u>Service arrangements of Public Records</u> Office of Government Records Service

In view of the latest epidemic situation and extension of special work arrangements for government employees, the Government Records Service (GRS) announced today (January 5) that from January 7 to 20, the Search Room of the Public Records Office (PRO) will continue to open only on Wednesdays (January 13 and 20) from 9am to 5.45pm to provide services for members of the public who have made reservations for holdings through the online catalogue. The quota is seven users per day, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Services will be limited to:

- 1. Loan and circulation service for reserved holdings; and
- 2. Self-service reproduction of holdings.

The above services will be suspended for those who have not made an online reservation for holdings. Members of the public are required to wear masks at all times when they are inside the Hong Kong Public Records Building, and follow the infection control measures implemented by the GRS, including temperature checks upon entering the building and applying hand sanitiser.

The Exhibition Hall in the Hong Kong Public Records Building will be temporarily closed. Visits and public education programmes will continue to be suspended until further notice.

The above measures will be implemented until January 20 and will be reviewed then. Please visit the GRS website (www.grs.gov.hk) or the PRO Facebook page (www.facebook.com/grs.publicrecordsoffice) for latest updates. For enquiries, please email proinfo@grs.gov.hk.

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Germany and Korea suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (January 5) that in view of notifications from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Ministry of Agriculture,

Food and Rural Affairs of Korea respectively about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza in Nordwestmecklenburg District and Vorpommern-Greifswald District, State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Germany; as well as Gokseong-gun and Muan-gun of Jeollanam-do Province and Buan-gun of Jeollabuk-do Province in Korea, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, in the first nine months of last year, Hong Kong imported about 2 500 tonnes of frozen poultry meat and about 880 000 poultry eggs from Germany; and about 740 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry meat and about 8.9 million poultry eggs from Korea.

"The CFS has contacted the German and Korean authorities over the issues and will closely monitor information issued by the OIE and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.