

Import of poultry meat and products from Ca Mau Province in Vietnam suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (October 5) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Ca Mau Province in Vietnam, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the province with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that Hong Kong has currently established a protocol with Vietnam for the import of poultry eggs but not for poultry meat. According to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 3.25 million poultry eggs from Vietnam in the first six months of this year.

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

Film Archive to present free screening of "Our Time Will Come" (with photo)

The Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present a special programme entitled "Cine Memories of the War of National Resistance" on November 7. "Our Time Will Come" (2017), selected for free screening, provides the audience with insights into historical meanings, telling the stories of ordinary people in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation.

The film will be screened at HKFA Cinema. Admission is free with tickets which will be distributed at the information counter of the HKFA starting from Wednesday (October 7), on Mondays and from Wednesdays to Sundays from 10am to 8pm. Each person can receive up to two tickets on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Based on a true story, Director Ann Hui's "Our Time Will Come" features schoolteacher Zhou Xun, who makes the resistance against the opponents a part of her daily life. Without detailing epic battle scenes, Hui manages this

wartime drama with a subdued tone while creating the momentum of a thriller. Some seemingly normal daily activities of ordinary people, such as going to the market, seeing a doctor, dating and attending a wedding banquet actually portray perilous underground acts of intelligence exchanges. The film is in Cantonese with Chinese and English subtitles.

For programme enquiries, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/HKFA/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/programmes/2020cmwnr/index.html.

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, special admission, ticketing and seating arrangements will be implemented for screening programmes held at the HKFA Cinema. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/HKFA/en_US/web/hkfa/aboutus/openhl.html.



Government launches iBond

The Government announced today (October 5) the launch of the 2020 inflation-linked retail bond, or iBond, under the retail part of the Government Bond Programme for subscription by Hong Kong residents.

"The issuance is an initiative announced in the 2020-21 Budget to provide residents with a safe and stable investment alternative while further developing the local bond market," the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said.

The target issue size of the iBond will be up to \$10 billion. The authorities may consider increasing the issue size to a maximum of \$15 billion subject to market response. The bond will have a tenor of three years. Bond holders will be paid interest once every six months at a rate linked to inflation in Hong Kong, subject to a minimum rate of 2 per cent.

The subscription period of the iBond will start from 9am on October 23 and end at 2pm on November 5. Hong Kong residents may apply for the iBond through a placing bank, securities broker or the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited.

The iBond will be issued on November 16 and listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on the following business day (November 17). It can be traded in the secondary market afterwards.

Details of the offering terms and subscription arrangements of the iBond are available at the Government Bond Programme's website (www.hkgeb.gov.hk).

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, October 5, 2020 is 104.2 (same as last Saturday's index).

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, October 3, 2020 was 104.2 (down 0.6 against last Wednesday's index).

US Dollar Liquidity Facility tender notice

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

US Dollar Liquidity Facility tender notice:

Tender date	: October 7, 2020 (Wednesday)
Tender submission time	: 9am to noon
Settlement date	: October 8, 2020 (Thursday)
Repayment date	: October 15, 2020 (Thursday)
Tenor	: Seven days
Amount on offer	: US\$10,000 Million

Note: Licensed Banks interested in participating in the tender for the first time are encouraged to provide US dollar settlement instructions by email (settlementsection@hkma.gov.hk) to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Settlement Team in advance, preferably two days prior to the tender. Required

information includes name of corresponding bank, name of final beneficiary (must be the Licensed Bank participating in the tender), and account or CHIPS number of a US dollar bank account to be settled in the US. Such information needs to be provided once only, unless there is further change.