

Sick person in custody dies in public hospital

A sick 59-year-old female person in custody at Lo Wu Correctional Institution died in a public hospital today (June 7).

On January 8, the person in custody was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to physical discomfort. Since then, she had been receiving in-patient treatment in the hospital with the diagnosis of heart disease. During hospitalisation, her condition deteriorated and she was certified dead at 3.10pm today.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of breach of condition of stay in December 2020.

Auction of personalised vehicle registration marks on June 13

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 7) announced that the next auction of personalised vehicle registration marks (PVRMs) will be held on June 13 (Sunday) at Meeting Room N201, L2, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai.

"A total of 180 approved PVRMs will be put up for public auction. A list of the marks has been uploaded to the department's website, www.td.gov.hk," a department spokesman said.

The reserve price of each of these marks is \$5,000. Applicants who have paid a deposit of \$5,000 should also participate in the bidding (including the first bid at the reserve price). Otherwise, the PVRM concerned may be sold to another bidder at the reserve price.

People who wish to participate in the bidding at the auction should take note of the following points:

(1) Bidders are required to produce the following documents for completion of registration and payment procedures immediately after successful bidding:

(i) the identity document of the successful bidder;

(ii) the identity document of the purchaser (if the purchaser and the successful bidder are different persons);

(iii) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (if the purchaser is a body corporate); and

(iv) a crossed cheque made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or "The Government of the HKSAR". For an auctioned mark paid for by cheque, the first three working days after the date of auction will be required for cheque clearance confirmation before processing of the application for mark assignment can be completed. Successful bidders may also pay through the Easy Pay System (EPS), but are reminded to note the maximum transfer amount in the same day of the payment card. Payment by post-dated cheque, cash, credit card or other methods will not be accepted.

(2) Purchasers must make payment of the purchase price through EPS or by crossed cheque and complete the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM immediately after the bidding. Subsequent alteration of the particulars in the Memorandum will not be permitted.

(3) A PVRM can only be assigned to a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of the purchaser. The Certificate of Incorporation must be produced immediately by the purchaser if a vehicle registration mark purchased is to be registered under the name of a body corporate.

(4) The display of a PVRM on a motor vehicle should be in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations.

(5) Any change to the arrangement of letters, numerals and blank spaces of a PVRM, i.e. single and two rows as auctioned, will not be allowed.

(6) The purchaser shall, within 12 months after the date of auction, apply to the Commissioner for Transport for the PVRM to be assigned to a motor vehicle registered in the name of the purchaser. If the purchaser fails to assign the PVRM within 12 months, allocation of the PVRM will be cancelled and arranged for re-allocation in accordance with the statutory provision without prior notice to the purchaser.

(7) In view of public health concerns, all persons entering the auction venue will have to undergo on-the-spot body temperature checks arranged by the TD. Any member of the public whose body temperature is higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius or who refuses to undergo a body temperature check will be denied entry to the auction hall and payment office. The TD also requests all persons entering the auction hall and payment office to wear masks and clean their hands with alcohol-based sanitiser, and to wear masks throughout the duration of the auction and payment process.

(8) In order to reduce the risk of the virus spreading, the TD will adjust the distance between seats and the number of seats in the auction hall and

payment office, and implement crowd-control measures. The TD also appeals to the bidders to reduce the number of accompanying persons as far as possible. Furthermore, the auction in the morning and afternoon will each be divided into two sessions so as to shorten the duration of crowd congregation. The first session of the morning auction will commence at 9.25am while the second session will begin no earlier than 10.30am. The first session of the afternoon auction will commence at 2.25pm while the second session will begin no earlier than 3.35pm. The auction venue will be disinfected before the commencement of the second sessions. Interested bidders may arrive at the auction venue in accordance with the time schedule for the auction of vehicle registration marks.

(9) In order to more effectively assist the Department of Health in epidemiological investigations and to protect the safety of members of the public and employees, members of the public will be required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or register their names, contact numbers and the date and times of their visits before entering the auction venue (auction hall and payment office). As a result of the arrangement, members of the public are advised to remain patient as the waiting time for entering the auction venue may be longer.

"Upon completion of the Memorandum of Sale of PVRM, the purchaser will be issued a receipt and a Certificate of Allocation of Personalised Registration Mark. The Certificate of Allocation will serve to prove the holdership of the PVRM. Potential buyers of vehicles bearing a PVRM should check the Certificate of Allocation with the sellers and pay attention to the details therein. For transfer of vehicle ownership, this certificate together with other required documents should be sent to the TD for processing," the spokesman added.

For other auction details, please refer to the Guidance Notes – Auction of PVRM, which is available at the department's licensing offices or can be downloaded from its website, www.td.gov.hk.

Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures Released

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (June 7) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$494.5 billion as at the end of May 2021 (end-April 2021: US\$490.6 billion) (Annex).

There were no unsettled foreign exchange contracts at end-May 2021 and

end-April 2021.

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$494.5 billion represent about seven times the currency in circulation or 47 per cent of Hong Kong dollar M3.

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of June 2021, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

June 7	SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures)
June 11	SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund)
June 30	SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
June 30	Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account

[EDB launches new Parent Education Activity Information Hub on Smart Parent Net website](#)

The Education Bureau (EDB) said today (June 7) that a new feature, Parent Education Activity Information Hub, has been set up on the parent education website Smart Parent Net. The Activity Information Hub provides parents of children in kindergarten, primary school and secondary school with one-stop access to information on parent education courses and activities so as to further enhance their knowledge and skills in parenting.

A spokesman for the EDB said, "The Activity Information Hub provides

various kinds of information on parent education courses and activities organised by different government bureaux and departments as well as post-secondary institutions in Hong Kong. The content will be updated regularly to let parents keep up with the latest information. Parents can filter activity information by using the category function, such as district, activity type, target participants and organiser, which can enable them to select suitable courses and activities. The Activity Information Hub will also provide application links of the courses and activities so that parents can obtain further application details quickly."

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The spokesman added, "Smart Parent Net was launched in February 2018. Through the continued enrichment of the contents, it has become an invaluable source of information for parents of children in kindergarten, primary school and secondary school on parent education which enables them to easily access useful information on supporting the physical and psychological development of students, including parent-child relationships, character development, parenting skills and emotional management for parents."

In addition to parent education activity information, Smart Parent Net provides diversified video clips and articles on parent education, including advice from experts and academics, and experience sharing by parents and principals. Parents can also refer to important issues that are of interest to them through the calendar on the website, for instance the dates of making choices of schools for admission to Primary One or Secondary One and the release of central allocation results.

The EDB has issued a Circular Memorandum to all kindergartens and primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong to encourage schools to recommend Smart Parent Net and the newly launched Activity Information Hub to parents so that they can easily access the latest parent education information. For details, please visit the EDB's Smart Parent Net (www.parent.edu.hk) and the Parent Education Activity Information Hub (www.parent.edu.hk/peaih).

Interest rate of first interest payment for Silver Bond Series due 2023

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, announces today (June 7) the relevant per annum interest rate for the first interest payment of Silver Bond Series due 2023 (issue number: 03GB2312R) (the Bonds) issued under the

Retail Bond Issuance Programme of the Government Bond Programme.

According to the Issue Circular dated November 11, 2020 for the Bonds, the first interest payment of the Bonds is scheduled to be made on June 22, 2021, and the relevant interest rate is scheduled to be determined and announced on June 7, 2021 as the higher of the prevailing floating rate and fixed rate.

On June 7, 2021, the floating rate and fixed rate are as follows:

Floating rate: +0.53 per cent (Annex)

Fixed rate: +3.50 per cent

Based on the floating rate and fixed rate set out above, the relevant interest rate for the first interest payment is determined and announced as 3.50 per cent per annum.