

# Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

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Tender date : February 16, 2021  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : Q2107  
Issue date : February 17, 2021  
Maturity date : May 20, 2021  
Amount applied : HK\$149,352 MN  
Amount allotted : HK\$52,159 MN  
Average yield accepted : 0.06 PCT  
Highest yield accepted : 0.06 PCT  
Pro rata ratio\* : About 78 PCT  
Average tender yield : 0.08 PCT

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Tender date : February 16, 2021  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : H2136  
Issue date : February 17, 2021  
Maturity date : August 18, 2021  
Amount applied : HK\$51,530 MN  
Amount allotted : HK\$14,000 MN  
Average yield accepted : 0.05 PCT  
Highest yield accepted : 0.06 PCT  
Pro rata ratio\* : About 41 PCT  
Average tender yield : 0.08 PCT

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Tender date : February 16, 2021  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : Y2186  
Issue date : February 17, 2021  
Maturity date : February 16, 2022  
Amount applied : HK\$17,660 MN  
Amount allotted : HK\$1,300 MN  
Average yield accepted : 0.07 PCT  
Highest yield accepted : 0.07 PCT  
Pro rata ratio\* : About 32 PCT  
Average tender yield : 0.10 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.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning – February 22, 2021:

Tender date : February 23, 2021  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : Q2108  
Issue date : February 24, 2021  
Maturity date : May 26, 2021  
Tenor : 91 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$46,321 MN

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Tender date : February 23, 2021  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : H2137  
Issue date : February 24, 2021  
Maturity date : August 25, 2021  
Tenor : 182 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$13,000 MN

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## **[Princess Margaret Hospital announces passing away of COVID-19 patient](#)**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) today (February 16) announced that a patient confirmed with COVID-19 passed away today.

An 82-year-old female patient (case number: 9858) with chronic diseases was admitted to PMH for treatment on January 20 due to dizziness, chest discomfort and sore throat. She subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Her condition continued to deteriorate and she eventually succumbed at 11.26am today.

The hospital is saddened by the passing away of the patient and will offer necessary assistance to her family members.

Including the above patient, 188 COVID-19 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

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## **Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency staff member tests positive for COVID-19**

The following is issued on behalf of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency:

The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) said today (February 16) that a staff member of its Student Finance Office (SFO) has today tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member concerned is a clerical grade staff member. He works on the fourth floor of Trade and Industry Tower and does not have contact with members of the public in his daily work. He last went to work on February 10. He had been wearing surgical masks while performing duties and properly maintaining social distancing with other people.

In consideration of public health and hygiene, the offices on the fourth floor of Trade and Industry Tower have been closed this afternoon for thorough cleaning and disinfection. The service counters at the same floor will suspend services up to February 19. The SFO will contact those who have made appointments for counter services.

During the pandemic, the WFSFAA has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including requiring staff to wear face masks when in contact with others and at public places. Cleaning and sterilising measures for the working environment have also been stepped up. The WFSFAA has reminded all staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant at all times. If they feel unwell, they should seek medical advice immediately and inform the Agency.

The WFSFAA will continue to maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection and co-operate with its anti-epidemic measures and quarantine work.

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## **Drainage Services Department to fully**

## resume public services

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) announced today (February 16) that its public services will be fully resumed from February 18.

The DSD appeals to members of the public visiting its premises to wear surgical masks at all times, and comply with the infection control measures implemented, including temperature checks and using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app.

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## CHP investigates eight additional confirmed cases of COVID-19

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 0.00am, February 16, the CHP was investigating eight additional confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), taking the number of cases to 10 797 in Hong Kong so far (comprising 10 796 confirmed cases and one probable case).

Among the newly reported cases announced, two are imported cases, three are local cases with unknown sources while three cases are epidemiologically linked with a local case.

The first case with unknown sources involves a 39-year-old woman (case number: 10791) who developed fever and headache on February 9. She sought medical attention at a General Out-patient Clinic on February 13 and submitted a deep throat saliva sample on February 14. She is a housewife.

The second case with unknown sources involves a 53-year-old man (case number: 10793) who developed headache, cough and sore throat on February 4. He attended Pok Oi Hospital on February 14. He is a Senior Fireman and works at Kwai Chung Fire Station. He last went to work on February 10.

The third case with unknown sources involves an 8-year-old girl (case number: 10794) who is asymptomatic. She went to a Community Testing Centre for testing on February 14. The patient is a student.

A total of 302 cases have been recorded in the past 14 days (February 2 to 15), including 261 local cases of which 81 are from unknown sources.

The CHP's epidemiological investigations and relevant contact tracing on the confirmed cases are ongoing. For case details and contact tracing

information, please see the Annex or the list of buildings with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and the latest local situation of COVID-19 available on the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" ([www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)).

Meanwhile, the CHP reminded those who had visited specified venues under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to receive COVID-19 nucleic acid testing according to the compulsory testing notice. The public are also urged to seek medical attention early if symptoms develop.

The CHP called on members of the public to avoid going out, having social contact and dining out. They should put on a surgical mask and maintain stringent hand hygiene when they need to go out. The CHP strongly urged the elderly to stay home as far as possible and avoid going out. They should consider asking their family and friends to help with everyday tasks such as shopping for basic necessities.

The spokesman said, "Given that the situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

"The CHP also strongly urges the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene, which is key to personal protection against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the community. On a personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask when having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly, regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps) and cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use. After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" ([www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)) for announcing the latest updates on various news on COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates. Members of the public may also gain access to information via the COVID-19 WhatsApp Helpline launched by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. Simply by saving 9617 1823 in their phone contacts or clicking the link [wa.me/85296171823?text=hi](https://wa.me/85296171823?text=hi), they will be able to obtain information on COVID-19 as well as the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app and wristband via WhatsApp.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infections, members of the public should always maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as handrails or doorknobs, or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing;
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- Cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative;
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly; and
- When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.