

Appointments to Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme Vetting Committee announced

The Government announced today (December 28) that it has re-appointed Dr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum and Mr Lau Ping-cheung as the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively of the Vetting Committee of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS).

The Government has also appointed Mr Karson Choi Ka-tsan, Professor Phyllis Mo Lai-lan, Mr Ronald Sum Kwan-ngai, Ms Pearl Tse Pui-pui and Professor Wong Kam-fai as new members of the Vetting Committee and re-appointed 10 incumbent members.

All the above appointments will take effect on January 1, 2021, for a term of two years.

The PASS provides financial support for non-profit-distributing organisations to carry out industry-led projects aimed at increasing exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong professionals and their counterparts in external markets, promoting relevant publicity activities, and enhancing the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong professional services. The Vetting Committee considers the applications received under the PASS, recommends on the level of funding support, and monitors the implementation of the approved projects.

As announced in the 2020 Policy Address, \$50 million will be set aside under the PASS to subsidise major professional bodies to participate in exchanges, promotion and professional standard enhancement activities organised by the Government, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and overseas Economic and Trade Offices to step up promotion of Hong Kong's competitive edge and their services to Mainland cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and overseas markets after the pandemic situation has stabilised. Professional bodies are also encouraged to make use of the PASS funding to organise their own exchanges, promotion and professional standard enhancement activities.

The full membership of the Vetting Committee, with effect from January 1, 2021, is as follows:

Chairman

Dr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum

Vice-Chairman

Mr Lau Ping-cheung

Members

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Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu
Mr Chan Chi-chiu
Mr Karson Choi Ka-tsan
Mr Dennis Ho Chiu-ping
Mr Stephen Hung Wan-shun
Dr Sigmund Leung Sai-man
Professor Phyllis Mo Lai-lan
Ms Edith Shih
Mr Ronald Sum Kwan-ngai
Ms Pearl Tse Pui-pui
Professor Martin Wong Chi-sang
Professor Wong Kam-fai
Executive Director of Hong Kong Productivity Council or his/her representative
Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council or his/her representative
Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry)

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	:	December 30, 2020 (Wednesday)
Tender submission time	:	9am to noon
Settlement date	:	December 31, 2020 (Thursday)
Repayment date	:	January 7, 2021 (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.

Temporary Service Relocation of Wan Tsui General Out-patient Clinic for Renovation

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong East Cluster (HKEC) today (December 28) announced the temporary service relocation of Wan Tsui General Out-patient Clinic (address: G/F, Block 12, Wan Tsui Estate, Chai Wan) to Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (address: 3/F, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan) from January 2, 2021 due to the renovation works of the clinic to streamline patient flow as well as improve its environment and service. The service hours will remain unchanged (details are appended). The clinic service is expected to resume at the original location upon completion of the renovation works, tentatively in the third quarter of 2021.

Patients with chronic illnesses requiring regular follow-up at the Wan Tsui General Out-patient Clinic have already been informed and arranged to attend follow-up appointments at the Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic during the renovation period. For those patients with episodic illnesses, they can make appointment via the General Out-patient Clinic Telephone Appointment System or the HA Go "Book GOPC" mobile application function as usual and attend the consultation according to their booking.

"The HKEC has already informed the residents in the district on the service arrangement through various channels, including poster notice and banner. Respective District Council has been informed. Reminder message will also be added to the General Out-patient Clinic Telephone Appointment System and the HA Go 'Book GOPC' mobile application function for the clinic," the spokesperson added.

Appendix:

Temporary Service Relocation Address	Telephone Enquiry	Telephone Booking	Consultation Hours
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Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic Address: 3/F, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan	2897 5527	3157 0099	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Friday • 9am – 1pm • 2pm – 5pm • Saturday • 9am – 1pm
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[New mobile specimen collection station set up at Sau Nga Road Playground, Kwun Tong](#)

The local COVID-19 epidemic situation is worsening rapidly. The confirmed cases are distributed all over the territory. Some of the confirmed cases are asymptomatic and this indicates the existence of many silent transmission chains in the community. The Government is very concerned about a number of COVID-19 confirmed cases reported recently at United Christian Hospital, and has arranged for a testing agency to set up a mobile specimen collection station at the following location and dates to provide free testing service for workers, visitors and patients of United Christian Hospital:

New mobile specimen collection station	Opening dates (tentative)
Sau Nga Road Playground, Kwun Tong (only for workers, visitors and patients of United Christian Hospital) (BGI)	From today until December 31

Operating hours of the above-mentioned mobile specimen collection station are from 10am to 8pm daily. The Government will decide whether it is necessary to extend the operation period of the station after reviewing its usage and public's demand for the testing service.

The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are at Annex.

A Government spokesman said, "The testing agencies will provide specimen collection services by combined nasal and throat swabs at the mobile specimen collection stations for testing free of charge. Persons who are subject to compulsory testing and undergo testing at the mobile specimen collection

stations will be deemed to have undergone a test at a Community Testing Centre. The mobile specimen collection station at Sau Nga Road Playground will accord priority to provide testing service for those persons who had been present at United Christian Hospital and are subject to compulsory testing, as well as workers of the hospital."

People whose test results are negative will be informed by SMS through their mobile phones. If any specimen tested shows a preliminarily positive result, the specimen will be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Department of Health (DH) for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the Centre for Health Protection of the DH.

The spokesman urged all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with exposure to infection risk (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or contacted confirmed cases) to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.