## Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results

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

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills Tender Results:

Tender date : August 14, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : Q1833

Issue date : August 15, 2018

Maturity date : November 14, 2018

Amount applied : HK\$117,240.5 MN

Amount allotted : HK\$43,848 MN

Average yield accepted : 1.23 PCT Highest yield accepted : 1.26 PCT

Pro rata ratio : About 51 PCT Average tender yield : 1.28 PCT

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Tender date : August 14, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H1862

Issue date : August 15, 2018 Maturity date : February 13, 2019

Amount applied : HK\$37,870 MNAmount allotted : HK\$10,000 MN

Average yield accepted : 1.40 PCT Highest yield accepted : 1.43 PCT

Pro rata ratio : About 20 PCT Average tender yield : 1.50 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Tenders to be held in the week beginning August 20:

Tender date : August 21, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : 01834

Issue date : August 22, 2018
Maturity date : November 21, 2018

Tenor : 91 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$50,218 MN

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Tender date : August 21, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H1863

Issue date : August 22, 2018
Maturity date : February 20, 2019

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$14,000 MN

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Tender date : August 21, 2018

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : Y1893

Issue date : August 22, 2018 Maturity date : August 21, 2019

Tenor : 364 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$3,000 MN

#### STH to visit Beijing

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, will leave for Beijing this evening (August 14).

Mr Chan will have a meeting with the China Railway Corporation in the morning on August 16 and return to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

During his absence, the Under Secretary for Transport and Housing, Dr Raymond So Wai-man, will be the Acting Secretary for Transport and Housing.

# Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled dried abalone (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 13) seized about 316 kilograms of suspected smuggled dried abalone with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million at Man Kam To Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted two outgoing private cars at Man Kam To Control Point yesterday morning. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the above dried abalone on board the vehicles. A 32-year-old male driver, a 53-year-old female driver and two male passengers, aged 20 and 49, were

arrested.

Investigations are ongoing and the arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).



## HKSAR Government deeply regrets FCC luncheon talk

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) deeply regrets the hosting of a luncheon talk today (August 14) by the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC) for an invited speaker to advocate the independence of Hong Kong.

A Government spokesman said, "It is totally inappropriate and unacceptable for any person to openly promote and advocate the independence of Hong Kong.

"As such, it is also totally inappropriate and unacceptable for any organisation to provide a public platform to espouse such views.

"The Basic Law clearly stipulates that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China. Advocating Hong Kong's independence is a blatant violation of the Basic Law and a direct affront to the national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China.

"Such advocacy runs counter to the successful implementation of 'one country, two systems' and undermines the HKSAR's constitutional and legal foundations as enshrined in the Basic Law."

The spokesman said the HKSAR Government attaches great importance to freedom of the press and freedom of speech, which underpin the success of Hong Kong as an open, vibrant, pluralistic and international city. These are protected by the Basic Law. But such freedoms are not absolute and have to be exercised in accordance with the law.

"We have continuously supported the FCC's work over the decades. However, providing a public platform for a speaker to openly advocate independence completely disregards Hong Kong's constitutional duty to uphold national sovereignty. It is totally unacceptable and deeply regrettable."

### Suspension of "A Symphony of Lights"

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations,

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Tourism Commission announces that due to the issuing of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 by the Hong Kong Observatory, "A Symphony of Lights" will be cancelled tonight (August 14).