

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Thursday, June 21, 2018 is 101.2 (up 0.4 against yesterday's index).

Fatal traffic accident in Aberdeen

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Aberdeen today (June 21) in which a 75-year-old woman died.

At about 8.05am, a school bus driven by a 65-year-old man was travelling along Ap Lei Chau Main Street westbound. When approaching near 163 Ap Lei Chau Main Street, it reportedly knocked down the 75-year-old woman who was crossing the road.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the woman was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital in unconscious state where she was certified dead at 8.52am. A 67-year-old female passenger on the school bus who sustained chest injuries was sent to Queen Mary Hospital in conscious state.

The school bus driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6848 or 3660 6814.

Thirteen building plans approved in April

The Buildings Department approved 13 building plans in April, with four on Hong Kong Island, four in Kowloon and five in the New Territories.

Of the approved plans, eight were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, four were for commercial developments and one was for community services developments.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 150 327 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 2 031 units, and 83 045 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of works for nine building projects.

The department also issued 25 occupation permits, with seven on Hong Kong Island, three in Kowloon and 15 in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 100 215 sq m involving 1 204 units, and 171 536 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in April totalled about \$12.8 billion.

In addition, eight demolition consents involving eight building structures were issued.

The department received 2 621 reports about unauthorised building works in April and issued 652 removal orders on unauthorised items.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for April can be viewed by the public on the Buildings Department's homepage (www.bd.gov.hk).

Sport For All Day 2018 to provide programmes and facilities for free on August 5

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold Sport For All Day 2018 on August 5 (Sunday) to encourage people of all ages and those with disabilities to maintain a healthy lifestyle by participating more in various sports activities and to form the habit of exercising at least half an hour a day.

"Stay Active, Healthy and Happy!" has been adopted as the slogan to promote the event and publicise the benefits of regular exercise. This concise and catchy slogan aims to convey to the public that daily exercise is advantageous to both body and mind and to encourage them to do more exercise in their daily lives.

On August 5, various free recreation and sports programmes will be offered at designated venues in the 18 districts, and most of the leisure

facilities of the LCSD will be open for use by the public free of charge.

Enrolment for the free programmes will start from 8.30am on July 16 (Monday) at respective LCSD District Leisure Services Offices and designated venues in the 18 districts on a first-come, first-served basis. These programmes include:

- Health talks and exercise demonstrations
- Fitness corners
- Sports activities for parents and children
- Sports play-in sessions
- Activities for persons with disabilities
- Shuttlecock demonstrations and play-ins

The fee-charging leisure facilities that will be open for free use by the public on Sport For All Day on August 5 include:

- Indoor leisure facilities: badminton courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, netball courts, volleyball courts, squash courts, table tennis tables, American pool tables, billiard tables, sport climbing walls, bowling greens, golf facilities, fitness rooms, activity rooms, dance rooms and a cycling track
- Outdoor leisure facilities: tennis courts, tennis practice courts, bowling greens, batting cages, sport climbing walls, archery ranges, rope courses and golf facilities (excluding camp facilities, sports grounds, artificial and natural turf pitches)
- Public swimming pools (excluding Wan Chai Swimming Pool)
- Crafts of water sports centres

Booking for free use of available leisure facilities can be made at Leisure Link booking counters at LCSD venues in various districts (except self-service kiosks) starting from 9am on July 29 (Sunday). Only one session per person is allowed, irrespective of the type of facility. No prior booking is required for the public swimming pool facilities. Members of the public may line up at the entrances of the swimming pools for free admission on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details of the free programmes and facilities for free use, please refer to the attachment 1, visit the Sport For All Day designated website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/sfad or call 2414 5555 for enquiries.

The LCSD has also invited the 18 District Councils, National Sports Associations, district sports associations, community sports clubs and community sport organisations, as well as privately run sports clubs and health centres to organise free activities and offer free facilities for the public to enjoy on August 5 in support of the event.

Sport For All Day 2018 is co-organised by the Department of Health; the Sports Medicine Team of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; the Sports Medicine and Health Science Alumni Association of the Chinese University of

Hong Kong; the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China; the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled; the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability; and the Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited.

Temporary traffic and transport arrangements at Tate's Cairn Tunnel this Saturday and Sunday

The Transport Department (TD) today (June 21) reminded members of the public that to facilitate road repair work at the Tate's Cairn Tunnel, the following temporary traffic and transport arrangements will be implemented at the Tate's Cairn Tunnel from 10pm on Saturday (June 23) to 6am on Sunday (June 24):

(i) The slow lane of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel (Kowloon bound) from its toll plaza to its Kowloon exit, and the slip road leading from the Kowloon exit to Hammer Hill Road and Lung Cheung Road, will be closed to all vehicular traffic;

(ii) Vehicles from the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Kowloon bound exit heading for Hammer Hill Road and Lung Cheung Road eastbound will be temporarily diverted; and

(iii) KMB routes No. 74D, 74X, 75X, 80X, 82X, 83X, 84M, 85M, 88, 89C, 89D, 89X, 277X and 286M heading for Kowloon will be diverted from 9.30pm on June 23 to 6am on June 24. The bus stop on Choi Hung Road westbound near Sze Mei Street serving KMB routes No. 82X and 85M will be temporarily relocated.

Due to the lane closure, the TD anticipates that the traffic at the Tate's Cairn Tunnel will be relatively busy during the above period. Motorists should exercise tolerance and patience when passing through the road sections concerned and consider using alternative routes. Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists.

Members of the public are advised to use railway services or bus services via the Lion Rock Tunnel or the Tsing Sha Highway to Kowloon. They are also advised to plan their journey in advance and allow more travelling time to avoid unexpected delay.

The TD and the tunnel operator will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate traffic and transport measures whenever necessary. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Details of the temporary traffic and transport arrangements are now available on the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk).