

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, June 6, 2018 is 99.7 (up 0.2 against yesterday's index).

Artistic talent of Hong Kong shines in vivid Australian showcase (with photos)

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (HKETO), a young Hong Kong watercolour artist is painting pictures of future cities and space live for spectators at a Vivid Sydney event in the Chatswood district of Sydney, Australia. Vivid Sydney is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas and is expected to attract about 2 million people this year.

In "Life in 2050" from 7pm to 10pm on June 7, Hong Kong watercolour artist Elaine Chiu delved into an exploration of future cities in her artworks created live. Visitors had the chance to see Chiu create giant scenes of mystifying cityscapes, capturing the heartbeat and hustle and bustle of cities. The creative and colourful painting was projected live onto the Anderson Street side of the Concourse in Chatswood, complementing the eclectic celebration of food, fashion, light, the planet and the cosmos.

Chiu will continue her live performance, enabling audiences to see the experience of making artwork from its inception to final creation, from 7pm to 10pm tonight (June 8) and on June 14 and 15, and from 5.30pm to 10.30pm on June 9 and June 16, the day when Vivid Sydney concludes this year.

A spokesman for the HKETO said today (June 8) that the HKETO was delighted to support this talented artist from Hong Kong to bring her art to life on such a huge scale right in front of the audience during Vivid Sydney at Chatswood – a prominent event that the local community loves.

"It is indeed a vivid demonstration of the capability of Hong Kong's home-grown emerging young artistic talent. This is also a great opportunity for Hong Kong's creative talent to gain practical experience by participating in a large-scale overseas event," the spokesman said.

"To consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international cultural metropolis and to create more opportunities for our young artists, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to support them

to perform and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong to showcase the essence of Hong Kong arts," the spokesman added.

This is the first time that Chiu, a fine arts graduate from the University of Hong Kong, has brought her distinct style to Sydney. The emerging artist has exhibited in Hong Kong and various cities overseas, and has presented solo exhibitions in the past years. She also received a Talent Development Scholarship and a Reaching Out Award under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Scholarship Fund in 2015-16.



Temporary traffic arrangements at Kai Tak Tunnel and East Kowloon Way this Sunday cancelled

The Transport Department today (June 8) announced that due to the inclement weather forecast for this weekend, the Highways Department has decided to cancel the road repair works scheduled for this Sunday (June 10) at the Kai Tak Tunnel and the East Kowloon Way. The related temporary traffic arrangements will be cancelled accordingly.

LegCo Public Accounts Committee to hold public hearing next Monday

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will hold a public hearing on "Sha Tin Section of Route 8" (Chapter 8) of the Director of Audit's Report No.70 at 8.30am next Monday (June 11) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex.

Thirteen witnesses have been invited to appear before the above hearing to respond to points raised in the Report and answer questions asked by PAC members.

The programme for the public hearing is as follows:

Date: June 11, 2018 (Monday)

Time: 8.30am

Venue: Conference Room 1

Subject: Sha Tin Section of Route 8 (Chapter 8 of the Director of Audit's Report No.70)

Witnesses:

Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Frank Chan Fan

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2

Mr Tony Li

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)5
Ms Judy Chung

Under Secretary for Development
Mr Liu Chun-san

Director of Highways
Mr Daniel Chung

Project Manager/Major Works Project Management Office, Highways Department
Mr Kelvin Lo

Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr Lam Sai-hung

Deputy Project Manager, North Development Office, Civil Engineering and
Development Department
Mr Law Man-tim

Commissioner for Transport
Ms Mable Chan

Assistant Commissioner /Management and Paratransit, Transport Department
Ms Stella Lee

Director of Architectural Services
Mrs Sylvia Lam

Assistant Director (Property Services), Architectural Services Department
Mr Hui Chiu-kin

Acting Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services
Mr Tai Tak-him

PAC is chaired by Abraham Shek, and its Deputy Chairman is Mr Kenneth Leung. Other members include Mr Paul Tse, Mr Steven Ho, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr Shiu Ka-fai and Ms Tanya Chan.

FEHD orders Fanling restaurant to suspend business for 14 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a restaurant in Fanling to suspend business for 14 days as the operator repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally.

The restaurant, located at G/F, Fu Yin Building, 25 Luen On Street,

Fanling, was ordered to suspend business from today (June 8) to June 21.

"In January and March this year, two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant. A total fine of \$7,500 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in the 14-day business suspension," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee of the restaurant had a record of two convictions for the same offence in June last year. A total fine of \$16,000 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. The breaches led to business suspension for seven days in August last year.

The spokesman reminded licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR, or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD's website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html).