

## Appointments to Transport Advisory Committee

The Government announced today (July 24) that the Chief Executive has reappointed Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung as Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee (TAC) and five incumbent members, as well as appointing two new members to the TAC. The reappointments and appointments are for a term of two years with effect from October 1 this year.

The serving members to be reappointed are Mr Joel Chan Cho-sing, Ms Cally Chan Shan-shan, Mr Hugh Chow Hin-poon, Dr Isaac Ng Ka-chui and Ms Iris Wan Lai-sze. The two new members are Miss Chan Hong-yea and Ms Dilys Chau Suet-fung.

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr Lam Sai-hung, said, "Under the remarkable leadership of Professor Cheung, the TAC has tendered valuable advice on many significant transport issues over the past years. The Government looks forward to continuing to work closely with Professor Cheung and the TAC members in the future.

"We also thank the two outgoing members, Mr Hugh Tong Chun-wai and Mr Wilson Tam Wai-shun, for their contributions to the TAC over the past years."

The TAC is a key advisory body to the Government on broad issues of transport policy and major transport-related proposals. Currently, the TAC comprises 16 non-official members including the Chairman and three ex-officio members. Its membership and terms of reference are available at [www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/boards/transport/land/tac.html](http://www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/boards/transport/land/tac.html).

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## Inspection of aquatic products imported from Japan

In response to the Japanese Government's plan to discharge nuclear-contaminated water at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene issued a Food Safety Order which prohibits all aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds originating from the 10 metropolis/prefectures, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, from being imported into and supplied in Hong Kong.

For other Japanese aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds that are not prohibited from being imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct

comprehensive radiological tests to verify that the radiation levels of these products do not exceed the guideline levels before they are allowed to be supplied in the market.

As the discharge of nuclear-contaminated water is unprecedented and will continue for 30 years or more, the Government will closely monitor and step up the testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening the scope of the import ban.

From noon on July 23 to noon today (July 24), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 236 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category. No sample was found to have exceeded the safety limit. Details can be found on the CFS's thematic website titled "Control Measures on Foods Imported from Japan"

([www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme\\_rafs/programme\\_rafs\\_fc\\_01\\_30\\_Nuclear\\_Event\\_and\\_Food\\_Safety.html](http://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_rafs/programme_rafs_fc_01_30_Nuclear_Event_and_Food_Safety.html)).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 50 samples of local catch for radiological levels. All the samples passed the tests. Details can be found on the AFCD's website ([www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological\\_testing/Radiological\\_Test.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological_testing/Radiological_Test.html)).

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) has also enhanced the environmental monitoring of the local waters. No anomaly has been detected so far. For details, please refer to the HKO's website ([www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html](http://www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html)).

From August 24 to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 70 445 samples of food imported from Japan (including 45 278 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 16 644 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

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## **Suspicious websites and internet banking login screens related to Mox Bank Limited**

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Mox Bank Limited relating to suspicious websites and internet banking login screens, which have been reported to the

HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the [HKMA website](#).

The HKMA wishes to remind the public that banks will not send SMS or emails with embedded hyperlinks which direct them to the banks' websites to carry out transactions. They will not ask customers for sensitive personal information, such as login passwords or one-time password, by phone, email or SMS (including via embedded hyperlinks).

Anyone who has provided his or her personal information, or who has conducted any financial transactions, through or in response to the websites or login screens concerned, should contact the bank using the contact information provided in the press release, and report the matter to the Police by contacting the Crime Wing Information Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012.

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## **[Phishing instant messages related to Fubon Bank \(Hong Kong\) Limited](#)**

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) wishes to alert members of the public to a press release issued by Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited relating to phishing instant messages, which have been reported to the HKMA. A hyperlink to the press release is available on the [HKMA website](#).

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## **[14 building plans approved in May](#)**

The Buildings Department approved 14 building plans in May, with five on

Hong Kong Island, two in Kowloon and seven in the New Territories.

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

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on nine building projects which, when completed, will provide 23 408 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 621 units, and 79 100 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for eight building projects.

The department also issued 14 occupation permits, with three on Hong Kong Island, five in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 53 684 sq m involving 409 units, and 65 153 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in May totalled about \$5.3 billion.

In addition, six demolition consents were issued.

The department received 2 925 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in May and issued 589 removal orders on UBWs.

The full version of the Monthly Digest for May can be viewed on the Buildings Department's homepage ([www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk)).