Fraudulent websites and phishing emails related to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 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 The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited relating to fraudulent websites and phishing emails, 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 emails 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.

13 building plans approved in June

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

Of the approved plans, seven were for apartment and apartment/commercial developments, one was for commercial development, and five were for community services development.

In the same month, consent was given for works to start on 12 building projects which, when completed, will provide 70 876 square metres of gross floor area for domestic use involving 1 468 units, and 20 320 sq m of gross floor area for non-domestic use. The department has received notification of commencement of superstructure works for seven building projects.

The department also issued 20 occupation permits, with five on Hong Kong Island, nine in Kowloon and six in the New Territories.

Of the buildings certified for occupation, the gross floor area for domestic use was 38 565 sq m involving 876 units, and 153 805 sq m was for non-domestic use.

The declared cost of new buildings completed in June totalled about \$10.7 billion.

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

The department received 2 964 reports about unauthorised building works (UBWs) in June and issued 987 removal orders on UBWs.

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

Missing man in Tin Sum located

A man who went missing in Tin Sum has been located.

Lei Pui-lam, aged 51, went missing after he left a caring centre in Sun Tsui Estate on June 23 morning. The staff of the caring centre made a report to Police on June 25.

The man was located at a pier on Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui on August 19 evening.

Fatal traffic accident in Tsuen Wan

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tsuen Wan this morning (August 21) in which a 53-year-old man died.

At around 6.30am, a private car driven by the 53-year-old man was travelling along Tai Lam Tunnel towards Kowloon. After passing the tollbooth, the private car suspectedly failed to brake in time and rammed into another private car driven by a 36-year-old man. When the 53-year-old private car driver alighted from the car for checking, a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) suspectedly failed to stop in time which knocked down the 53-year-old man from behind.

Sustaining serious bodily injuries, the 53-year-old man was rushed to Yan Chai Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 7.31am.

The 32-year-old male HGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1330 or 3661 1348.

Government invites proposals for premises at No. 2 Lower Albert Road, South Block, Central for arts and culture use

The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) is now inviting non-profit-making organisations to submit proposals for operating, managing, maintaining and developing for arts and culture use the premises situated on portions of the basement and the whole of all the ground floor, the first floor and the roof of No. 2 Lower Albert Road, South Block, Central, Hong Kong, for a period of three years from April 1, 2024.

The Invitation for Proposal (IFP) exercise will identify the most suitable non-profit-making operator of the premises currently occupied by the Fringe Club after the current lease. All non-profit-making operators, including the current one, may submit proposals in this exercise. The selected applicant will operate, manage, maintain and develop the premises as a unique arts and culture icon to support the continued development of arts and culture, in particular programmes by small and medium-sized arts groups and the youths.

Interested applicants must submit a proposal in response to the IFP exercise before 5.30pm on October 20. All proposals must reach the CSTB (Culture Division (1), Culture Branch, Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, 13/F, West Wing, Central Government Office, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) by mail or by hand.

For details of the IFP exercise and the application form, please visit the CSTB's website at www.cstb.gov.hk/en/other-information/ifp.html or call 3509 8075 or 3509 8077.