

## DH's organ donation promotion vehicle launched today (with photos)

The Department of Health (DH) today (August 16) launched the organ donation promotion vehicle. In the coming three months, the vehicle will visit various locations to encourage members of the public to obtain further information about organ donations and register in the Centralised Organ Donation Register (CODR) on site. A spokesman for the DH called on the public to actively support the benevolent act of organ donations so that more lives can be saved.

The organ donation promotion vehicle will visit various locations in Hong Kong from today until November 13. Members of the public can register their wish to donate organs on site so as to bring hope to patients awaiting organ transplants and to their families. For details of the activities of the promotion vehicle, please visit the thematic website: [www.organdonation.gov.hk/en/promotional\\_activities.html](http://www.organdonation.gov.hk/en/promotional_activities.html).

The organ donation promotion vehicle was parked at Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, on the first day of its launch. The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, and the Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam, visited and showed support to the staff on site. Professor Lo said, "All lives are priceless. Organ donation is a selfless and generous act of benevolence to save lives. Decisions made by donors are voluntary and independent. Registration through the CODR is an effective means to clearly indicate to family members and medical staff one's wish for an organ donation. It also represents the society's support for the culture of organ donations and the hope of patients, which is of great significance."

The spokesman said that there are currently over 2 000 patients in Hong Kong with organ failures in imminent need of organ transplants. Without matched organs, these patients have to depend heavily on devices and drugs to sustain their lives. Many of them had lost their lives before the right organ match became available. To shorten the waiting time of patients and give them a new lease of life in time, active support for organ donations by the public is exceptionally important.

The CODR, set up by the DH in 2008, aims to facilitate voluntary registration of prospective donors and to record their wish to donate organs reliably and securely. The CODR enables healthcare personnel responsible for organ donations to know about the wish of the deceased to donate their organs, and the bereaved families to acknowledge and honour such wish to rekindle the lives of others.

The spokesman stressed that Hong Kong has been adopting an "opt-in" system for cadaveric organ donations, under which even if a deceased person has registered in the CODR, organ donation co-ordinators would seek the consent of the deceased's family members. Should there be any objection from the family members, the relevant transplant operation will not be performed.

In this regard, it is vital that donors speak to their family members about their organ donation wish. Experience demonstrates that when the bereaved are apprised of their loved ones' expressed wish to donate organs before their death, family members are likely to respect and fulfil the wish. By sharing the decision with their family members, donors can ensure that their spirit of benevolence will be realised after their passing.

Members of the public who have registered their wish to donate organs are encouraged to act as role models to garner support from their families and friends for this benevolent act to rekindle the lives of others, and help spread the message to every corner of the society.

In addition to registering at the promotion vehicle, the public can also register on the CODR website ([www.codr.gov.hk](http://www.codr.gov.hk)) or submit completed registration forms to the CODR Office by post or by fax. For more information about organ donations, please visit the thematic website at: [www.organdonation.gov.hk](http://www.organdonation.gov.hk) or the "Organ Donation at HK" Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/organdonationhk](http://www.facebook.com/organdonationhk).



## **Fatal traffic accident in Kwun Tong**

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Kwun Tong this morning (August 16) in which a 21-year-old man died.

At about 6.20am, a private car driven by the 21-year-old man was travelling along Cha Kwo Ling Road towards Yau Tong. When approaching Lam Tin Interchange, the private car reportedly lost control and rammed into a kerb.

The driver was trapped inside the vehicle and rescued by firemen. Sustaining multiple injuries, he was sent to Tseung Kwan O Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 9.06am. A 22-year-old male passenger and a 26-year-old male passenger in the private car sustained head and chest injuries respectively. They were sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state. A 22-year-old male passenger sustained hand injuries and was sent to United Christian Hospital in unconscious state. Another 20-year-old male passenger sustained slight injuries and was sent to Tseung Kwan O Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon East is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 0277.

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## **Government announces subscription and allocation results of Silver Bond**

The Government announced today (August 16) the subscription and allocation results of the eighth Silver Bond, issued under the retail part of the Government Bond Programme.

According to the subscription information submitted by the Placing Banks and the Securities Brokers, as at the close of the subscription period at 2pm on August 9, 2023, a total of 323 783 valid applications were received, involving a total of around HK\$71.7 billion (HK\$71,703,040,000) in principal amount of bonds.

The final issuance amount of the Silver Bond will be HK\$55 billion, which is slightly higher than the target issuance amount of HK\$50 billion. Allocation is made in accordance with the mechanism set out in the Issue Circular dated July 14, 2023. The valid applications received will be allocated different amounts of bonds up to a maximum of 23 units (with each unit being HK\$10,000). For the 202 477 applications seeking 22 or fewer

units, they will be allocated the full amounts applied for. The remaining 121 306 applications (i.e. those applying for more than 22 units) will be allocated 22 units each and then entered into a ballot. Of these applications, 89 984 will be allocated one additional unit.

The Silver Bond will be issued on August 18, 2023. Notifications on individual allocation results, applicable subscription moneys and amounts of any refund of application moneys will be sent to applicants in accordance with the schedule set out in the Issue Circular.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "Both the total application amount and the number of applications of this batch of Silver Bond are at record highs, showing that Silver Bonds continue to be well-received by senior residents. Silver Bonds can provide a stable investment option with attractive returns for senior residents, rendering financial services more inclusive and better serving the needs of the public and the community. The maximum allocation per investor is 23 units this time, which is the highest among all issuances. We will keep the effectiveness of the scheme arrangements under review having regard to market response, prevailing market conditions and other relevant considerations."

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## **HAD opens temporary heat shelters**

â€‹The Home Affairs Department is opening 19 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (August 16).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

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Central and Western –  
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall  
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex  
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –  
Causeway Bay Community Centre  
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –  
Wah Kwai Community Centre  
Wah Kwai Estate, Kellett Bay

Wan Chai –  
Wan Chai Activities Centre  
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

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Kowloon City –  
Hung Hom Community Hall  
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices  
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –  
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre  
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –  
Lai Kok Community Hall  
Lai Kok Estate, Cheung Sha Wan

Wong Tai Sin –  
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre  
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –  
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre  
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

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Islands –  
Tung Chung Community Hall  
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –  
Kwai Shing Community Hall  
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –  
Cheung Wah Community Hall  
Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –  
Hang Hau Community Hall  
G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex,  
38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –  
Lung Hang Estate Community Centre  
Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –  
Tai Po Community Centre  
2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –  
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall  
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –  
Butterfly Bay Community Centre  
Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –  
Long Ping Community Hall  
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –  
Tin Yiu Community Centre  
Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, please browse the following

document: [www.had.gov.hk/file\\_manager/en/documents/public\\_services/emergency\\_services/List\\_CH\\_CC\\_Day\\_E.pdf](http://www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf).

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## **Effective Exchange Rate Index**

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 is 105.7 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).