

Immigration Department reminds public of additional special service session for collection of travel documents on July 22

The Immigration Department (ImmD) reminded members of the public today (July 19) that an additional special service session from 2pm to 9pm would be provided at the Travel Documents (Issue) Section on 4/F, Immigration Tower, Wan Chai, and at the seven Immigration Branch Offices for collection of travel documents on July 22 (Saturday).

In view of the start of the summer holidays, additional special service sessions are provided by the ImmD on two consecutive Saturdays from July 15 to enable members of the public to collect their travel documents. The ImmD encourages applicants who plan to travel during the summer holidays and have yet to collect their travel documents to make use of the special service session on July 22.

Members of the public may collect their Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports or other travel documents by presenting the Collection Notice at the offices concerned during the special service session without making prior appointments and on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no quota limit. Members of the public are also reminded to return their existing travel documents to the ImmD for cancellation upon collection of the new ones (except for first applications or loss cases). For addresses of the offices concerned and arrangements for the special service session, please see the Annex.

For enquiries, please phone the ImmD hotline 2824 6111 or contact staff of the ImmD by email (enquiry@immd.gov.hk).

Fraudulent website related to Bank of Singapore 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 Bank of Singapore Limited relating to a fraudulent website, which has 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 website, 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.

[Special bus services on July 21 and 22 for extension of opening hours of Hong Kong Book Fair 2023](#)

The Transport Department (TD) today (July 19) reminded the public that to tie in with the extension of opening hours of the Hong Kong Book Fair 2023 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) this Friday and Saturday (July 21 and 22), bus operators will provide special services of the following 10 cross-harbour bus routes in the vicinity of the HKCEC on those two days:

Route	Destination	Boarding point	Service hours	Trips to be operated	Fare (\$)
Citybus/KMB Route No. 111R	Yue Man Square Public Transport Interchange (PTI), Kwun Tong	Expo Drive, outside HKCEC Phase II	From 10.10pm to 11.10pm	4 departures at 20 minutes' interval	19.2
Citybus/KMB Route No. 148R	Cheung On, Tsing Yi				28.1
Citybus/KMB Route No. 191R	LOHAS Park Station PTI, Tseung Kwan O				28.1

KMB Route No. 108R	Kai Yip	Expo Drive East near Convention Avenue	From 10.10pm to 11.10pm	3 departures at 30 minutes' interval	19.2
KMB Route No. 168R	Yuen Long West		From 10.30pm to 10.50pm	2 departures at 20 minutes' interval	39.9
KMB Route No. 134R	Bayview Garden, Tsuen Wan	Fleming Road, outside Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong Kong	From 10.10pm to 11.10pm	3 departures at 30 minutes' interval	28.0
KMB Route No. 178R	Luen Wo Hui		1 departure at 10.50pm		45.1
KMB Route No. 603R	On Tai West		From 10.30pm to 11pm	2 departures at 30 minutes' interval	23.1
Citybus Route No. 150R	Tuen Mun (Yan Po Road)	Harbour Road outside Central Plaza	1 departure at 10.50pm		38.5
Citybus Route No. 176R	Yuen Long (San Tin)		1 departure at 10.45pm		47.2

For details, please go to the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) and its mobile application "HKEMobility", or the bus companies' websites (www.citybus.com.hk and www.kmb.hk) and their respective mobile applications.

[Unauthorised mobile application related to Ping An Bank Co., Ltd.](#)

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 Ping An Bank Co., Ltd. relating to an unauthorised mobile application (App), which has 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 App 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.

Sixth Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to Belt and Road Initiative held in Beijing (with photos)

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and relevant Mainland ministries held the sixth Joint Conference on Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative (B&RI) in Beijing today (July 19), which is its first physical meeting since 2019.

Member of the CPC Leadership Group of the NDRC Mr Guo Lanfeng attended the conference with Mainland officials led by him, including the Secretary General of the NDRC, Mr Wu Hao, who is also the Convenor of the Joint Conference, and representatives from the NDRC, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, the Supreme People's Court, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Bank of China, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, the National Administration of Financial Regulation, the National Immigration Administration, and the National Medical Products Administration.

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, in his capacity as the chairperson of the Working Group on Belt and Road Development (Working Group) under the Steering Group on Integration into National Development, led HKSAR Government officials to attend the conference. They included the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and Hong Kong-side Convenor of the Joint Conference, Mr Algernon Yau, and representatives from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB), the Department of Justice, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the Innovation, Technology and Industry

Bureau, the Belt and Road Office of the CEDB, and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority was also represented at the meeting.

Noting that the report of the 20th National Congress has highlighted the importance in promoting high-standard opening up as well as the high-quality development of the B&RI, Mr Lam said that the priority of the Working Group is to promote the high-quality development of co-operation between Hong Kong and Belt and Road countries in trade and commerce, professional services and cultural exchanges, as well as deepen co-operation with the Mainland, thereby giving full play to Hong Kong's distinct advantages in connecting the Mainland and the rest of the world. The Joint Conference has significantly promoted the in-depth communication and exchanges between Hong Kong and the Mainland, better facilitating Hong Kong's integration into national development.

At the meeting, Mr Yau underlined the efforts made by the HKSAR Government in taking forward the B&RI upon resumption of normalcy early this year, including actively opening up new markets, strengthening bilateral and multilateral economic and trade relationships with Belt and Road countries, as well as attracting enterprises and talent.

He pointed out that the Middle East mission led by the Chief Executive in February this year, which comprised various representatives from the business and professional sectors, had been fruitful with significant outcomes. The HKSAR Government will continue to leverage Hong Kong's unique advantages and work on emerging economies as a priority with a view to grasping related opportunities and addressing challenges, as well as capitalising on Hong Kong's role as the functional platform. In addition, various areas of work will continuously be stepped up in pursuing the high-quality development of the B&RI, including in such areas as green finance, voluntary carbon trading, Belt and Road trading and two-way investment, as well as Belt and Road talent and capacity building, so as to establish impactful Belt and Road programmes and events under the Hong Kong banner.

The meeting in particular focused its discussion on work proposals that the HKSAR Government put forward for consideration by Mainland ministries on the three areas of legal and dispute resolution services, finance and risk management, and innovation and technology in taking forward the B&RI, on which representatives of relevant Joint Conference Mainland ministries had provided feedback. They also apprised the meeting respectively on their work in supporting Hong Kong's participation in and contribution to the B&RI. The HKSAR Government is grateful for the support expressed by relevant Mainland ministries at the meeting regarding various work proposals, and will continue to actively follow up with the latter to better facilitate Hong Kong's integration into national development.

The meeting also discussed the work priorities of the HKSAR Government in promoting Hong Kong's participation in and contribution to the B&RI in the year ahead. The HKSAR Government will continue to strengthen Hong Kong's role as a connecting platform for international circulation between the country and the rest of the world, dovetail with the key national development

strategy of the B&RI, and earnestly open up markets for businesses. With the staunch support of the country, Hong Kong's path in taking forward the B&RI would be even more steadfast and successful.

The Arrangement between the NDRC and the HKSAR Government for Advancing Hong Kong's Full Participation in and Contribution to the B&RI signed between the HKSAR Government and the NDRC in 2017 provides the direction and a blueprint for Hong Kong's full participation in and contribution to the B&RI. The Joint Conference mechanism was set up to follow up on the implementation of the Arrangement, and meetings are convened at least once a year.

