

# Judicial appointment

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (July 8) announced the appointment of Miss Liza Jane Mary Cruden as a District Judge. The appointment will take effect on July 9, 2024.

The appointment is made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

Further judicial appointments will be announced in due course.

The biographical note of Miss Cruden is as follows:

Miss Cruden was born in New Zealand in 1965. She obtained an LL.B. from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, in 1987 and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand in 1988. She completed the Bar Finals Examination London, United Kingdom (Gray's Inn), and was called to the Bar in England and Wales in 1989. She was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1989. She has been in private practice since 1990. She was appointed as Temporary Deputy Registrar, High Court, and Deputy District Judge for periods in 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2024.

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## APEC holds Workshop on Promoting Digital Solar Resources Maps and Management Technologies in Hong Kong, China (with photos)

The Workshop on Promoting Digital Solar Resources Maps and Management Technologies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Energy Working Group (EWG) was held in Hong Kong, China today (July 8).

Delivering a welcoming speech by video, the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, said that Hong Kong was honoured to hold the APEC Workshop on Promoting Digital Solar Resources Maps and Management Technologies to enhance the utilisation of solar energy and foster a sustainable energy transition. Thirty experts and delegates from eight APEC economies gathered to exchange valuable experiences, technical knowledge and share insights on solar technologies.

Mr Tse emphasised that the development and deployment of renewable

energy, particularly solar energy, are crucial to driving renewable power generation and increasing the share of renewable energy in the energy mix. He said that according to Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, the city is striving to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050, as well as reduce carbon emissions by half from the 2005 level before 2035, adding that net-zero electricity generation is one of the decarbonisation strategies and measures. Mr Tse also said that digital solar resource maps and management technologies could help policymakers formulate renewable energy policy, assist the trade in making industrial decisions, enable academia in developing innovative technologies, and facilitate the market to create green jobs on the energy transition pathway.

The Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Poon Kwok-ying, shared the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's latest work on developing renewable energy to align with the APEC energy goal of doubling the proportion of renewables in the APEC energy mix by 2030. He thanked APEC member economies for joining the workshop and encouraged them to adopt innovative technologies for planning energy transition policies and roadmaps.

The APEC's EWG aims to further APEC goals to facilitate energy trade and investment so as to ensure that energy contributes to the enhancement of economic, social and environmental conditions of APEC economies. The EWG consists of members from 21 APEC economies and convenes twice a year. It holds workshops on various themes to assist with the achievement of APEC's energy goals.



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## [Effective Exchange Rate Index](#)

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, July 8, 2024 is 106.6 (up 0.1 against last Saturday's index).

â€‹The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, July 6, 2024 was 106.5 (down 0.1 against last Friday's index).

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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 5 to noon today (July 8), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 371 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category, in the past three days (including last Saturday and Sunday). 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 150 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 65 635 samples of food imported from Japan (including 42 278 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea

salt) and 15 842 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

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## **Missing man in Ngau Tau Kok located**

A man who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok has been located.

Nguyen Duc-hung, a foreign man aged 63, went missing after he was last seen at Choi Hay House, Choi Fook Estate on July 4 morning. His family made a report to Police on the next day (July 5).

The man was located in a hospital on Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei today (July 8). He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.