

Communications Authority press release

The following is issued on behalf of the Communications Authority:

This press release summarises the decisions of the Communications Authority (CA) following its 114th meeting held in January 2022.

CA approves changes in shareholding structures of Hong Kong Cable Television Limited (HKCTV) and Fantastic Television Limited (Fantastic TV)

The CA has approved the applications by HKCTV and Fantastic TV for changes in their shareholding structures arising from the transfer of certain shares of Forever Top (Asia) Limited (Forever Top), which holds 43.22 per cent of the voting shares in i-CABLE Communications Limited (i-CABLE), from its existing shareholders to Celestial Pioneer Limited (Celestial Pioneer). The CA's approval would enable Celestial Pioneer to proceed to make a general offer for the shares of i-CABLE.

According to HKCTV and Fantastic TV, the shareholding changes would not bring about any material change to the legal and beneficial ownership of the licensees. Upon completion of the changes in the shareholding structures of HKCTV and Fantastic TV, Forever Top will maintain its present level of shareholding of 43.22 per cent in i-CABLE, the major shareholder of HKCTV and Fantastic TV.

In approving the applications, the CA is satisfied that HKCTV and Fantastic TV will continue to comply with all applicable regulatory requirements under the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) and the licences concerned, and that they will be able to honour the investment and programming commitments they have made under their respective licences after completion of the shareholding changes.

Broadcast complaint

The CA considered a complaint case about the radio programme "On a Clear Day" broadcast on September 10, 2020, on the CR 2 Channel of Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited (CRHK). The CA decided that CRHK should be advised to observe more closely the relevant provision of the Radio Code of Practice on Programme Standards. Details of the case are at www.coms-auth.hk/filemanager/en/content_713/appx_20220120.pdf.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Thursday, January 20, 2022 is 95.1 (down 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Hospital Authority announces senior appointments (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson announced the following senior appointments today (January 20).

The Director of Cluster Services, Dr Deacons Yeung, will be rotated to serve as Cluster Chief Executive of Kowloon East and Hospital Chief Executive (HCE) of United Christian Hospital with effect from June 1, 2022, succeeding Dr Tom Kam-tim upon his retirement. The rotation of senior executives among the HA Head Office and Clusters ensures the continuous development and grooming of leaders with the management skills, experience and exposure.

Dr Yeung is a specialist in radiology by background. Dr Yeung is a seasoned senior executive with extensive management experience both at cluster and corporate levels. Prior to his current position, he was the HCE of Pok Oi Hospital from 2014 to 2019, and Tin Shui Wai Hospital from 2016 to 2019. In his current role as Director of Cluster Services, Dr Yeung directs the development of corporate Key Performance Indicators, oversees the services of all hospitals and institutions; Public-Private Partnership programmes; HA Drug Formulary; clinical services ranging from cancer, cardiac, stroke, renal, psychiatric to organ transplant services, clinical grades management, Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine Services; as well as the community treatment facility for COVID-19.

Dr Chan Kam-hoi will be appointed as the HCE of the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Fung Yiu King Hospital and MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre with effect from February 1, 2022.

Dr Chan is a specialist in gastroenterology and hepatology. He is currently the Chief Manager (Planning and Commissioning) of Hong Kong West Cluster. Dr Chan is a seasoned senior executive with solid track records in a wide scope of management duties including handling doctor work reform, Public-Private Partnership programmes and hospital redevelopment programmes of Kwong Wah Hospital, Queen Mary Hospital and Grantham Hospital.

The HA Chairman, Mr Henry Fan, and Chief Executive, Dr Tony Ko, congratulate Dr Yeung and Dr Chan on their new appointments and wish them every success in taking up the new roles. Mr Fan and Dr Ko also express sincere appreciation to Dr Tom for his distinctive contributions to public healthcare services for over 30 years, and wish him a happy retirement.



[EMSD releases lift and escalator contractors' latest performance ratings](#)

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (January 20) announced the performance ratings of the registered lift and escalator contractors for the past 12 months (from January 2021 to December 2021) for public reference.

According to the rating results, 33 registered lift contractors and 27 registered escalator contractors were awarded the Safety Star. Among these contractors, 13 registered lift contractors and 12 registered escalator contractors had not been found non-compliant with the safety and maintenance requirements as reported in the last two consecutive announcements of performance results, and were therefore given the highest rating of five Quality Stars. The EMSD conducted 28 826 inspections of lifts and escalators during the period.

The rating results, conviction records, summaries of warning letters and equipment failure records are available on the EMSD's website (www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/eng/pps/le_pub_mpr.shtml).

Labour Department's occupational health public talks cancelled

In view of the latest COVID-19 situation, the Labour Department announced today (January 20) that the occupational health public talks entitled "Manual Handling Operation and Prevention of Back Injuries" on January 27 at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum and "Infection Control in the Workplace" on February 7 at the Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Central Library have been cancelled. Enrolled participants will be informed of the cancellations individually.