

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

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Tender date	: May 31, 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: M2406
Issue date	: June 3, 2024
Maturity date	: July 3, 2024
Amount applied	: HK\$4,300 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$800 MN
Average yield accepted	: 4.27 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 4.30 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 83 PCT
Average tender yield	: 4.50 PCT

*"Pro rata ratio" refers to the average percentage of allotment with respect to each tender participant's tendered amount at the "highest yield accepted" level.

Appointment of Information Co-ordinator (with photo)

A spokesman for the Chief Executive's Office announced today (May 31) the appointment of Mr John Tse Chun-chung as the Information Co-ordinator with effect from June 1.

The Information Co-ordinator is responsible for formulating news, public relations and media strategies and co-ordinating the timetable for introducing major policies and programmes; maintaining communication with the media; liaising closely with the Director of Information Services and bureau press officers to ensure effective implementation of the media and public relations strategies for major policies; monitoring public and media feedback and online public sentiment; and helping to plan and implement programmes of public functions involving media interactions for the Chief Executive.

Mr Tse joined the Government in 1999 and has served in various positions in frontline departments and bureaux with years of experience in

communication with the media. In the past two years, he has served as the Communications Secretary in the Chief Executive's Office, where he formulated public relations strategies and planned public functions for the Chief Executive, and managed the Chief Executive's social media arrangements, demonstrating outstanding performance.

The spokesman said they are confident that with his years of experience in public administration, media engagement and public relations, Mr Tse will make remarkable contributions in the position.



Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, May 31, 2024 is 106.2 (down 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Fraudulent social media account related to Airstar Bank 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 Airstar Bank Limited relating to a fraudulent social media account, 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 social media account 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.

Employers, contractors and employees should be aware of electrical safety at work during rainstorm

As the rainstorm warning has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and contractors that they should adopt necessary work arrangements and take suitable safety measures to protect the safety of their employees when they are carrying out electrical work or handling electrical plant.

A spokesman for the LD said today (May 31) that employers and contractors should avoid assigning employees to carry out electrical work (like electric arc welding work) or handle electrical plant at places affected by rainstorms, and should refer to the "Code of Practice in Times of Adverse Weather and 'Extreme Conditions'" and the "Guide on Safety at Work in times of Inclement Weather" issued by the LD.

Even if electrical work is carried out or electrical plant is handled at places not affected by the rainstorm, suitable safety measures must still be adopted to prevent electric shock as the air would be more humid. Such measures include:

(i) Ensure that all live parts of an electrical installation are isolated from the power supply source and rendered dead, and the isolation from the power supply source must be maintained as long as electrical work is being carried out;

(ii) Before carrying out any electrical work or handling any electrical plant, cut off and lock out the power supply source, then test the circuit concerned to confirm it is dead and display suitable warning notices, and issue a work permit thereafter;

(iii) Ensure that protective devices (such as suitable and adequate fuses and circuit breakers) for the electrical installations or electrical plant have been installed and maintained in good working order, and portable electric tools must be double-insulated or properly earthed;

(iv) Provide suitable personal protective equipment such as insulating gloves and insulating mats for employees; and

(v) If live electrical work is unavoidable, a comprehensive risk assessment should be conducted by a competent person and the appropriate safety precautions should be taken to remove or properly control the electrical hazards involved before such work can proceed.

In addition, employees should co-operate with the employer or contractor to follow the safety instructions and use the safety equipment provided.

The LD has published guidebooks and leaflets on electrical work safety. These safety publications are available free from divisional offices of the department or can be downloaded from its website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_8.htm).

Should there be any questions about occupational safety and health matters, please contact the Occupational Safety Officer of the LD at 2559 2297.