

## **Effective Exchange Rate Index**

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 is 106.1 (same as yesterday's index).

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## **Dedicated 100% Loan Guarantee Scheme for Cross-boundary Passenger Transport Trade and Dedicated 100% Loan Guarantee Scheme for Travel Sector extend application period**

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

As entrusted by the Government, HKMC Insurance Limited announced a final six-month extension of the application period of the Dedicated 100% Loan Guarantee Scheme (DLGS) for Cross-boundary Passenger Transport Trade and the DLGS for Travel Sector to October 28, 2024.

The above schemes were launched on April 29, 2023, to support the business resumption of the cross-boundary passenger transport trade and the travel sector after the COVID-19 epidemic. Details are available on the schemes' website: [www.hkmc.com.hk/dlgs](http://www.hkmc.com.hk/dlgs). Eligible enterprises/persons wishing to apply for the loans may approach the relevant lending institutions. For public enquiries, please call the schemes' hotline at 2536 9788.

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## **Fraudulent website and mobile application related to Chong Hing 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 Chong Hing Bank Limited relating to a fraudulent website and a mobile application (App), which have 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 or 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.

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## [Exchange Fund Bills tender results](#)

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date	:	23 April 2024
Paper on offer	:	EF Bills
Issue number	:	Q2417
Issue date	:	24 April 2024
Maturity date	:	24 July 2024
Amount applied	:	HK\$164,600 MN
Amount allotted	:	HK\$59,076 MN
Average yield accepted	:	4.12 PCT
Highest yield accepted	:	4.19 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	:	About 26 PCT
Average tender yield	:	4.23 PCT

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Tender date	:	23 April 2024
Paper on offer	:	EF Bills
Issue number	:	H2446
Issue date	:	24 April 2024
Maturity date	:	23 October 2024
Amount applied	:	HK\$40,764 MN
Amount allotted	:	HK\$12,000 MN
Average yield accepted	:	4.21 PCT

Highest yield accepted : 4.25 PCT  
Pro rata ratio\* : About 13 PCT  
Average tender yield : 4.33 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.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning April 29, 2024:

Tender date : 30 April 2024  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : Q2418  
Issue date : 2 May 2024  
Maturity date : 31 July 2024  
Tenor : 90 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$58,864 MN

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Tender date : 30 April 2024  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : H2447  
Issue date : 2 May 2024  
Maturity date : 30 October 2024  
Tenor : 181 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$15,000 MN

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## [Red flag hoisted at Anglers' Beach](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 23) that the Environmental Protection Department has classified the water quality at Anglers' Beach in Tsuen Wan District as Grade 4, which means the beach is not suitable for swimming. The red flag has been hoisted. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach until further notice.