

Government announces subscription and allocation results of iBond

The Government announced today (June 21) the subscription and allocation results of the eighth inflation-linked retail bond, or iBond, issued under the Government Bond Programme.

According to the subscription information submitted by Placing Banks and the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (HKSCC), as at the close of the subscription period at 2pm on June 11, 2021, 709,198 valid applications were received for a total of HK\$53,948,780,000 in principal amount of bonds.

A breakdown of the valid applications is as follows:

amount of valid applications (HK\$)	Total number of valid applications	Total
Placing Banks 42,010,880,000	479,921	
HKSCC 11,937,900,000 (including the subscription applications made through securities brokers)	229,277	
Total 53,948,780,000	709,198	

The final issuance amount of iBond is HK\$20 billion. Allocation is conducted in accordance with the mechanism set out in the Issue Circular dated May 12, 2021. The valid applications received have been allocated different amounts of bonds up to a maximum of three units. There are a total of 55,381 applications for two or fewer units. They will be allocated the full amounts applied for. The remaining 653,817 valid applications (i.e. those applying for more than two units) will be allocated two units each and then entered into a ballot. Of these applications, 605,727 will be allocated one additional unit.

The iBond will be issued on June 23, 2021, and listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on June 24, 2021. Notifications on individual allocation results, applicable subscription moneys and amounts of any refund of application moneys will be made by the Placing Banks and the HKSCC in accordance with the schedule set out in the Issue Circular.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "The latest issuance of iBond has been warmly received by the public, with the volume of applications and the total application amount both achieving record highs since the iBond's inaugural issuance in 2011. The issuance of iBond has not only

provided the public with a safe investment choice of steady return under the current low interest rate and uncertain investment environment, but also further enhanced the investing public's interest in and awareness of bond investments, thereby promoting the development of the retail bond market in Hong Kong."