<u>Partial service disruption of bank</u> <u>branches</u>

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority noticed today (October 5) that some banks have to suspend services at certain branches due to vandalised facilities and traffic disruptions.

Bank customers are advised to use online banking or ATM services as far as possible, and check bank branches service status before visiting. We appeal to public understanding on service disruption of certain bank branches, which was necessitated by extraordinary circumstances.

Recent incidents of vandalism and arson attacks have seriously affected the use of banking services by the public. Any form of vandalism and violence should be condemned. We hope that social order will be restored soon, allowing banks to resume normal operations and serve businesses and members of the public.