Nationals of Kingdom of Eswatini to visit Hong Kong with visas

The Immigration Department announced today (January 23) that nationals of the Kingdom of Eswatini will require a visa to enter Hong Kong for all purposes (including those who remain on the airside in transit) with effect from January 30.

At present, nationals of the Kingdom of Eswatini may visit Hong Kong visa-free for a stay of up to 90 days.

"Hong Kong has all along adopted an open visa policy, under which nationals of about 170 countries and territories may visit Hong Kong visafree for periods ranging from seven to 180 days. With a view to ensuring a proper balance between facilitating the entry of genuine visitors and the need to safeguard the integrity of immigration control, the visa policy is subject to constant review and changes will be introduced if circumstances so warrant," an Immigration Department spokesman said.

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) passport holders currently require a visa to visit the Kingdom of Eswatini. The spokesman reminded HKSAR passport holders to check with the Eswatini authorities on the latest visa requirements before visiting the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 is 104.5 (down 0.4 against yesterday's index).

Postal services to Belgium subject to delay

â€<Hongkong Post announced today (January 23) that, as advised by the postal administration of Belgium, due to heavy snowfall, mail delivery services to Belgium are subject to delay.

Appeal for information on missing woman in Kwun Tong (with photo)

Police today (January 23) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Wu Ka-yi, aged 19, went missing after she left her residence in Yau Tong Estate on January 13. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (January 22).

She is about 1.54 metres tall, 57 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a round face with yellow complexion and long straight black hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0331 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date : January 23, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : Q2404

Issue date : January 24, 2024
Maturity date : April 24, 2024
Amount applied : HK\$185,647 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$58,011 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.27 PCT

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Highest yield accepted : 4.29 PCT
Pro rata ratio* : About 74 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.40 PCT

Tender date : January 23, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2433

Issue date : January 24, 2024
Maturity date : July 24, 2024
Amount applied : HK\$41,583 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$12,600 MN

Average yield accepted : 4.08 PCT Highest yield accepted : 4.11 PCT

Pro rata ratio* : About 88 PCT

Average tender yield : 4.18 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.

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

Tender date : January 30, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : 02405

Issue date : January 31, 2024

Maturity date : May 2, 2024 Tenor : 92 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$58,017 MN

Tender date : January 30, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2434

Issue date : January 31, 2024

Maturity date : July 31, 2024

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$15,000 MN