

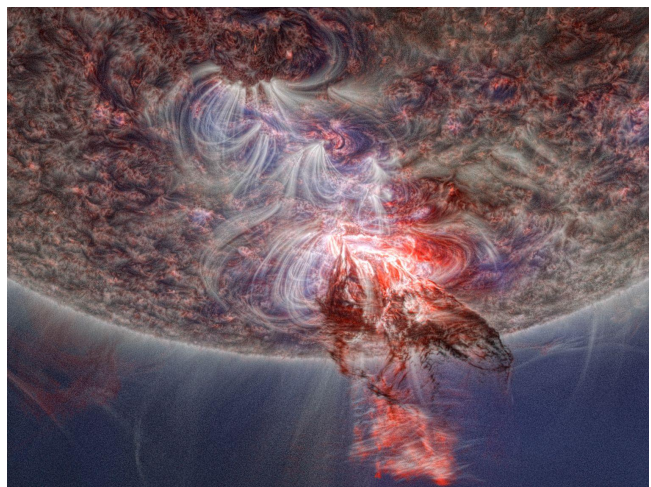
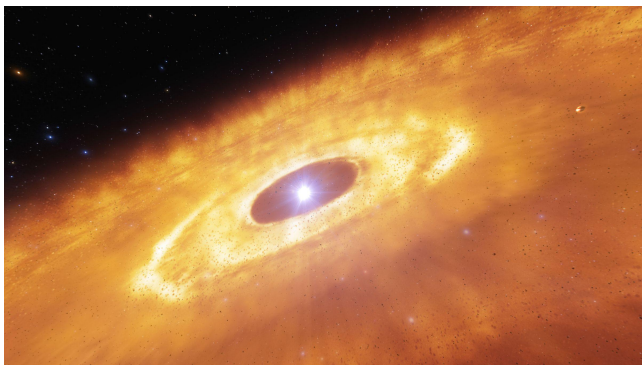
Hong Kong Space Museum screens new sky show “The Sun, Our Living Star” (with photos)

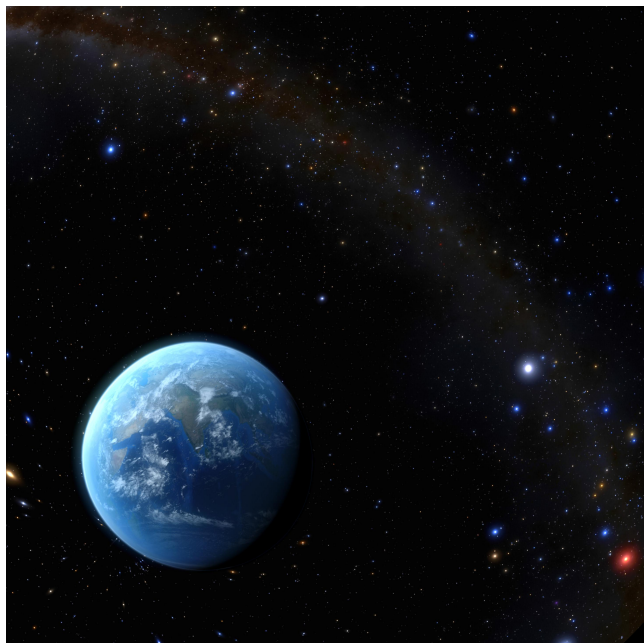
The Hong Kong Space Museum will screen a new sky show, "The Sun, Our Living Star", at its Space Theatre from tomorrow (May 1), leading audiences to explore how ancient people revered the Sun and recorded its celestial motions. The show will also highlight the close relationship between the Sun and humans.

Humanity has long been in awe of the Sun, from ancient times of worship to modern scientific discoveries. The light and heat of the Sun have nurtured life on Earth for billions of years. It drives winds and weather phenomena on Earth, and governs the rhythms of human lives through the cycle of days and seasons. Moreover, the Sun supplies the majority of the energy consumed by modern society, including the fossil fuels upon which humans heavily rely. These fuels are the result of solar energy stored by animals and plants millions of years ago.

The 25-minute show will be screened until May 14, 2025. Screening times are 3.30pm and 8pm on weekdays and 2pm and 6.30pm on weekends and public holidays respectively. Tickets priced at \$24 (front stalls) and \$32 (stalls) are now available at the Hong Kong Space Museum Box Office and URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For details of the show, please visit hk.space.museum/en/web/spm/shows/sky-show/the-sun-our-living-star.html, or call 2721 0226 for enquiries.

The Hong Kong Space Museum, located at 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, is closed on Tuesdays (except public holidays).





Residential mortgage survey results for March 2024

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority announced the results of the residential mortgage survey for March 2024.

The number of mortgage applications in March increased month-on-month by 70.1 per cent to 8 622.

Mortgage loans approved in March increased by 6.2 per cent compared with February to HK\$19.1 billion. Among these, mortgage loans financing primary market transactions increased by 27 per cent to HK\$6.8 billion and those financing secondary market transactions decreased by 2.7 per cent to HK\$9.3 billion. Mortgage loans for refinancing decreased by 2.3 per cent to HK\$3 billion.

Mortgage loans drawn down during March increased by 3.8 per cent

compared with February to HK\$11.8 billion.

The ratio of new mortgage loans priced with reference to HIBOR decreased from 94 per cent in February to 93.1 per cent in March. The ratio of new mortgage loans priced with reference to best lending rates increased from 2 per cent in February to 2.5 per cent in March.

The outstanding value of mortgage loans remained virtually unchanged in March, standing at HK\$1,853.4 billion at end-March.

The mortgage delinquency ratio remained unchanged at 0.09 per cent and the rescheduled loan ratio remained unchanged at nearly 0 per cent.

[HKMA Annual Report 2023 and Sustainability Report 2023](#)

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) today (April 30) published its Annual Report 2023, including the financial statements of the Exchange Fund, and its Sustainability Report 2023.

The Annual Report reviews trends and major events in monetary and banking affairs, and reports on the HKMA's work during 2023. It also sets out the HKMA's work priorities and plans for 2024.

The Sustainability Report sets out the HKMA's strategy and priorities in strengthening the climate-resilience of Hong Kong's financial system and enhancing the sustainability of its operations.

The HKMA [Annual Report 2023](#) and [Sustainability Report 2023](#) can be viewed on and downloaded from the HKMA website free of charge.

[Exchange Fund Bills tender results](#)

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date : 30 April 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q2418
Issue date : 2 May 2024
Maturity date : 31 July 2024
Amount applied : HK\$143,490 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$58,864 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.22 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 4.29 PCT
Pro rata ratio* : About 11 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.34 PCT

Tender date : 30 April 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H2447
Issue date : 2 May 2024
Maturity date : 30 October 2024
Amount applied : HK\$46,762.5 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$15,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.25 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 4.30 PCT
Pro rata ratio* : About 58 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.40 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 May 6, 2024:

Tender date : 7 May 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q2419
Issue date : 8 May 2024
Maturity date : 7 August 2024
Tenor : 91 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$59,077 MN

Tender date : 7 May 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H2448
Issue date : 8 May 2024

Maturity date : 6 November 2024
Tenor : 182 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$17,000 MN

Tender date : 7 May 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Y2489
Issue date : 8 May 2024
Maturity date : 7 May 2025
Tenor : 364 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$3,000 MN

Fraudulent website related to Nanyang Commercial 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 Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited relating to a fraudulent website, 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 website 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.