

Senior judicial appointment: non-permanent judge from another common law jurisdiction of Court of Final Appeal

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, has accepted the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (JORC) on the appointment of the Honourable James Leslie Bain Allsop as a non-permanent judge from another common law jurisdiction of the Court of Final Appeal. Subject to the endorsement of the Legislative Council, the Chief Executive will make the appointment under Article 88 of the Basic Law.

Mr Lee said, "I am pleased to accept the JORC's recommendation on the appointment of Mr Allsop as a non-permanent judge from another common law jurisdiction of the Court of Final Appeal. Mr Allsop retired from the judicial office of Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia in April 2023. He is a judge of eminent standing and reputation. I am confident that he will greatly contribute to the Court of Final Appeal.

"With the appointment of Mr Allsop, the panel of non-permanent judges from other common law jurisdictions will consist of 10 eminent judges from the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. The presence of these esteemed jurists from overseas as non-permanent judges of the Court of Final Appeal manifests the exercise of judicial power independently by the Judiciary in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) as protected by the Basic Law. It also helps maintain a high degree of confidence in the HKSAR's judicial system, and enables Hong Kong to maintain strong links with other common law jurisdictions. I have every confidence that these distinguished jurists from overseas with profound judicial experience will continue to be a unique strength of the HKSAR's judicial system."

Article 90 of the Basic Law provides that the Chief Executive shall obtain the endorsement of the Legislative Council on the appointment of judges of the Court of Final Appeal. The Government will seek the endorsement of the Legislative Council of the recommended appointment in due course.

The curriculum vitae of Mr Allsop is at the Annex.

CS to attend Boao Forum for Asia

Annual Conference in Hainan

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, will depart for Hainan tomorrow evening (March 26) to attend the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2024.

Mr Chan will return to Hong Kong on March 28. During Mr Chan's absence, the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, will be the Acting Chief Secretary for Administration.

Health Bureau organises eHealth+ briefing session to encourage participation of RCHEs and RCHDs in eMedication (RCH) project (with photo)

The Health Bureau (HHB) introduced eHealth+ developments to representatives from Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) today (March 25) through a briefing session, in which Residential Care Home (RCH) representatives were also invited to participate in the eMedication (RCH) project. The briefing session was co-organised by the HHB with the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre (LSCM), and attracted registration from over 600 RCHs.

At the briefing session today, an HHB representative introduced to the RCH representatives the nine core functions of eHealth+ (eMedication inclusive), and explained how the eMedication function can help optimise the medication management system and protocol at the RCHs.

A spokesman for the HHB said, "Medication management is a vital element in safeguarding the health condition of residents in the RCHs. The eMedication function of eHealth+ enables the RCHs to gain access to the electronic prescription information of their residents, thereby minimising the reliance on manual copying procedures and providing convenience to RCHs to follow up on drug distribution and administration. Not only will it improve efficiency but also the drug monitoring within the RCHs, thus reducing the risk of medication incidents. Additionally, pharmacists in the RCHs can utilise the time saved on better monitoring of residents' medication status and taking appropriate follow-up actions.

"Rigorous and proper medication management is crucial to the caring of patients, the elderly in particular. For patients, eMedication can provide

them with comprehensive prescription and dispensing records. This will ensure that medication is handled in a safer and more convenient way for residents in RCHs. We hope that this briefing session can allow RCHs to have a deeper understanding of the new functions of eHealth+, driving them to make better use of the eHealth+ platform," the spokesman added.

Jointly initiated by the HHB and the HA in collaboration with the LSCM, the eMedication (RCH) project supports participating RCHs and their electronic medication management system suppliers to implement system connections and improve information security. Interested RCHs may contact emedication@lscm.hk by email for more details.

The Government is rolling out a five-year plan of eHealth+ as announced in the 2023 Policy Address, to transform eHealth from a health record-sharing system into a comprehensive healthcare information infrastructure that integrates functions of healthcare data sharing, service delivery and protocol management. The Government will take forward the eHealth+ plan along four strategic directions, namely One Health Record, One Care Journey, One Digital Front Door to Empowering Tool and One Health Data Repository, with a view to strategically completing the development work of eHealth+ and progressively introducing different features over the next five years.



[More than 300 volunteers take part in flower show's Green Recycling Day activities \(with photos\)](#)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is once again holding Green Recycling Day (GRD) activities upon the conclusion of the 10-day Hong Kong Flower Show. The GRD activities were held today (March 25) and will continue tomorrow (March 26) at Victoria Park to reinforce green measures and reduce waste, reflecting the department's commitment to implementing green measures for environmental protection in its large-scale events.

More than 300 volunteers including those from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, corporates, environmental groups and local organisations, as well as volunteers from the LCSD and Green Volunteers, assisted in separating and collecting reusable and recyclable materials at the showground for waste reduction today.

In addition, around 3 000 pots of flowers that are suitable for replanting were distributed to the public at the park's Sugar Street entrance.

As in previous years, landscape displays suitable for reuse and flowers suitable for replanting were relocated to LCSD parks and amenity areas. Meanwhile, some of the flowers suitable for replanting were also distributed via the "Give the Flowers a New Home!" Jockey Club Flower Replanting Scheme to schools, environmental groups and non-governmental organisations to encourage greening in the community. This year, over 10 000 potted plants were distributed to some 70 organisations.

The LCSD has implemented various green measures at different stages of the flower show, encouraging all stakeholders including exhibitors, contractors, volunteers and members of the public to apply the 3R principles, namely "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle".

During the preparation phase, stakeholders were provided with guidelines on waste reduction. Exhibitors were encouraged to use recyclable or reusable materials in their display designs. While cleaning up the exhibits, they were reminded to collect reusable materials and separate them properly before delivering them to recycling spots set up at the showground.

During the show period, visitors were encouraged to bring their own water bottles and green shopping bags. QR codes were displayed at the showground for visitors to download the location map and information on the theme flower, landscape displays and more. Free tableware rental service was also provided to reduce use of disposable plastic tableware, as part of the effort to reduce waste.

Recyclables collection points were also set up to facilitate the collection of carton boxes, plastic flower pots and other plastics, soil, metals, wooden planks and more. Collection points for wilted flowers were also available for collecting wilted plants so that they can be delivered to the Animal Waste Composting Plant in Ngau Tam Mei for being recycled into useful organic compost.

The flower show hoped to gather community power through implementing various green measures to achieve the goal of a "Green Flower Show for All".



[Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders of Exchange Fund Bills to be held on April 2](#)

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

Tenders of Exchange Fund Bills to be held on April 2, 2024:

Tender date : April 2, 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q2414
Issue date : April 3, 2024
Maturity date : July 3, 2024
Tenor : 91 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$63,527 MN

Tender date : April 2, 2024
Paper on offer : EF Bills

Issue number	:	H2443
Issue date	:	April 3, 2024
Maturity date	:	October 2, 2024
Tenor	:	182 Days
Amount on offer	:	HK\$20,000 MN