

Adjustment in ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations in April 2024

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (March 25) announced an adjustment to the auto-LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations from April 1 to April 30, 2024, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts of the dedicated LPG filling stations.

A department spokesman said that the adjustment on April 1, 2024, would reflect the movement of the LPG international price in March 2024. The adjusted auto-LPG ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations would range from \$3.78 to \$4.67 per litre, amounting to an increase of \$0 to \$0.01 per litre.

The spokesman said that the auto-LPG ceiling prices were adjusted according to a pricing formula specified in the contracts. The formula comprises two elements – the LPG international price and the LPG operating price. The LPG international price refers to the LPG international price of the preceding month. The LPG operating price is adjusted on February 1 and June 1 annually according to the average movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index and the Nominal Wage Index.

The auto-LPG ceiling prices for respective dedicated LPG filling stations in April 2024 are as follows:

Location of Dedicated LPG Filling Station	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in April 2024 (HK\$/litre)	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in March 2024 (HK\$/litre)
Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung	3.78	3.78
Sham Mong Road, Mei Foo	3.84	3.84
Wai Lok Street, Kwun Tong	3.89	3.89
Cheung Yip Street, Kowloon Bay	3.94	3.93
Ngo Cheung Road, West Kowloon	3.95	3.95
Yuen Chau Tsai, Tai Po	4.00	4.00
Tak Yip Street, Yuen Long	4.11	4.10
Hang Yiu Street, Ma On Shan	4.13	4.13
Marsh Road, Wan Chai	4.14	4.14
Fung Mat Road, Sheung Wan	4.16	4.16
Yip Wong Road, Tuen Mun	4.25	4.25
Fung Yip Street, Chai Wan	4.67	4.66

The spokesman said that the details of the LPG international price and the auto-LPG ceiling price for each dedicated LPG filling station had been uploaded to the EMSD website (www.emsd.gov.hk) and posted at dedicated LPG filling stations to enable the trades to monitor the price adjustment.

Details of the pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations can also be viewed under the "What's New" section of the department website at www.emsd.gov.hk/en/what_s_new/current/index.html.

Over 4 700 quality job vacancies to be offered at Exploring New Opportunities Job Fair

The Labour Department (LD) will hold the Exploring New Opportunities Job Fair at MacPherson Stadium in Mong Kok on March 26 and 27 to provide a large number of vacancies from various industries for job seekers.

About 60 organisations will participate in the two-day job fair, offering over 4 700 quality job vacancies from various industries, among which more than 2 800 are from catering, retail and hotel industries. Around 30 organisations will set up booths and conduct recruitment on the spot each day. A wide variety of positions will be offered including accounting associate, assistant event sales manager, enrolled nurse, residential care homes worker, dental clinic assistant, registered safety officer, software engineer, laboratory technician, digital marketing officer, barista, baker and security guard. Job seekers can visit the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk) for more details of the vacancies.

Around 83 per cent of the vacancies offered at the job fair are full-time jobs. Most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$12,000 to \$23,000. About 95 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Seven education level or below. Around 59 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant work experience.

Job seekers can submit job applications during the event and may be selected for on-the-spot interviews. They can also make enquiries on the employment services provided by the LD at its counter inside the venue.

The job fair will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at 1/F, MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson Street, Mong Kok (near Mong Kok MTR Station Exit E2). Admission is free, with final admission time at 5pm each day.

[AFCD urges grave sweepers to prevent hill fires](#)

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) today (March 25) reminded people paying tribute to ancestors at graveyards in the countryside during the Ching Ming Festival period to exercise caution and prevent hill fires.

An AFCD spokesman said it is an offence under the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96) to leave behind kindling or burn offerings without considering fire risks in the countryside. Any person who contravenes the ordinance may be prosecuted and is liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and one year's imprisonment upon conviction.

AFCD staff will step up patrols at graveyards in the countryside during the Ching Ming Festival period and take enforcement action against any irregularities.

The majority of hill fires in the countryside are caused by human negligence. Accidents can be prevented if grave sweepers observe some simple guidelines:

- * Remove weeds around graves with tools and never burn weeds;
- * Burning should only be done inside a container or iron bucket;
- * Never leave burning offerings unattended; and
- * Make sure all kindling is put out before leaving.

The spokesman said that metal containers for burning offerings properly will be handed out to grave sweepers who have such a need at suitable locations in country parks during the Ching Ming Festival. The AFCD will also patrol hill fire black spots and distribute hill fire prevention leaflets together with the Fire Services Department, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Civil Aid Service.

Members of the public are reminded to keep the countryside clean and properly clean up their offerings or rubbish.

[Speech by CE at One Earth Summit \(English only\) \(with photos\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, at the One

Earth Summit today (March 25):

Deputy Director Yin Zonghua (Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), Professor Poman Lo (Founder of the Institute of Sustainability and Technology), Ms Neo Gim Huay (Managing Director of the Centre for Nature and Climate of the World Economic Forum), distinguished guests from around the world, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. And welcome to Hong Kong.

It is a great pleasure to be here, to have this welcome opportunity to speak to you, at the opening of the One Earth Summit.

The theme of this global gathering – "Planetary Crossroads: Investing in Innovations for a Sustainable Future" – highlights the importance on the challenges we face. For each and every one of us, for our families, companies and institutions, for the economies and countries we call home, for the world at large.

So it is reassuring to know that the speakers, as well as more than 500 attendees of this global summit, are internationally respected leaders and high-profile professionals in their fields. You have world-class expertise in the wide-ranging realm of sustainability, from finance and technology, to urban infrastructure and development, as well as agriculture, energy transition, new materials, industrial decarbonisation and more. Each of these sectors, and the critical challenges and boundless opportunities they present, are on today's agenda, and will be considered and weighed for practical, real-life solutions.

As leaders, we should be united in our commitment to creating sustainable economic growth, and determined to realise a more equitable and resilient future. For all of us on this one earth we share, this one earth we pass down to our children and the generations to follow.

Hong Kong has long been a leading global financial centre. In recent years, we have also placed high priority on combating climate change, promoting sustainability, embracing a green economy and building collaboration, worldwide, in these critical areas.

In pursuing these goals, we are blessed with the unique advantages given to us under the "one country, two systems" principle. This principle allows Hong Kong to serve as the dynamic bridge between East and West, where diverse cultures, ideas and expertise come together.

Under the premise of "one country, two systems", Hong Kong has long established its robust financial infrastructure, together with the rule of law, a market-oriented and internationalised business environment, internationally aligned regulatory regimes, and the free and unfettered flow of information, people and capital. These strengths, together with our fast-rising prowess as an innovation and technology centre, make Hong Kong the ideal nexus for building partnerships, for driving the innovative solutions

the world needs to promote sustainability.

Statistics reveal that over the next 30 years, the Asian region alone will require some 66 trillion US Dollars in climate investment, which will contribute to supporting the region's transition to a low-carbon economy.

This staggering figure underscores the magnitude of the challenge we face, and the critical role that green finance will play in addressing it.

Hong Kong is committed to channelling its expertise and resources towards meeting this immense demand. And we are making real progress.

In 2022, the total green and sustainable debt issued in Hong Kong, including bonds and loans, soared to 80.5 billion US Dollars. That was a remarkable increase of more than 40 per cent over the previous year.

And there's more. At the end of last year, our Securities and Futures Commission had authorised more than 200 ESG (environmental, social and governance) funds, with total assets under management exceeding 160 billion US Dollars. Again, an impressive growth of 24 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, year-on-year.

Those numbers more than demonstrate Hong Kong's ability to provide a flourishing environment for green finance and related investment products. They also cement our position as a leading regional force in promoting sustainable investment practices.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government has been working closely with financial regulators and the industry, taking a multi-pronged strategy to promote green and sustainable finance. It showcases Hong Kong's formidable strengths as a financing centre for governments and green enterprises, in Mainland China and around the world.

We will sustain our issuance of green bonds, extend our green debt support to transition products, promote green fintech, and assist companies and financial institutions in sustainability reporting.

Which is why I am pleased to announce that later today, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR Government will release a statement, outlining our vision for a strong system of sustainability disclosure, in full alignment with international standards.

Hong Kong is a business city and a financial hub. But certainly, Hong Kong's commitment to sustainability goes beyond finance and commerce. Just last month, we had our first-ever hydrogen-powered double-decker bus on the road. We also established our first offshore liquefied natural gas terminal last year.

Ladies and gentlemen, today's summit is among the international events highlighting Hong Kong's inaugural Financial Mega Event Week.

They include this Wednesday's Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit. The

second such high-powered event for global family offices, it will explore wealth management in today's volatile global economy, together with issues such as impact investment in technology. More importantly, it will offer invaluable opportunities for networking and collaboration.

And the Global Investors' Symposium, organised by the Milken Institute, opens tomorrow here in Hong Kong, under the theme "Thriving Together: Bridging Global Markets".

This is also Hong Kong's "Art March" month, with the world-renowned Art Basel Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong International Film Festival opening this week.

I'm sure you'll also want to stay through the first weekend of April, for the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens. All the world-class sport and entertainment you can tackle, on and off the pitch.

Later this year, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Dubai Financial Services Authority will co-host a Joint Climate Finance Conference in Hong Kong. It will spotlight the opportunities and challenges of transition financing for the Middle East and Asia. In short, a lot of exciting events and important collaborations are underway.

Allow me now to thank the Institute of Sustainability and Technology, and its founder, Professor Poman Lo, for organising this inaugural, and inspired, One Earth Summit. The co-organiser of this ambitious event is the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s "Giving to Amplify Earth Action" initiative. For that, and much more, I am grateful to the WEF.

My thanks, too, to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Invest Hong Kong of the Hong Kong SAR Government, who are the host partners of this distinguished summit. And so many others have played a vital role in today's global gathering, including different international chambers of commerce.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is just the beginning – for the One Earth Summit, and for the sustainable future we are all working to realise.

I am sure you will all have the most enjoyable summit today. Please enjoy networking and share all your experience and wisdom. Thank you very much.



[Applications begin for admission tickets for National Security Education Day – Fire and Ambulance Services Academy open day](#)

In response to and support of the National Security Education Day, the Fire Services Department (FSD) will organise an open day at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy in Tseung Kwan O on April 14 (Sunday), with an opportunity to deepen the public's understanding about the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law, as well as the FSD's work on national security, public safety, public order and personnel training.

The open day will feature a range of activities, including introduction of the department's efforts in safeguarding national security, fire appliances parade, firefighting and rescue demonstrations, displays of training facilities, equipment and special vehicles, an exhibition on fire safety education, game booths, a recruitment experience area, as well as a demonstration of Fire Services working dogs. The Fire and Ambulance Services Education Centre cum Museum will also be open to the public on the day.

The open day will be held from 8.45am to 4pm. Ticket is required for admission (children aged 3 or below do not need an admission ticket).

Members of the public who are interested can apply for a maximum of four admission tickets from today (March 25) to March 27 through the latest version of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department Mobile Application, which can be downloaded from Apple App Store, Google Play and Huawei AppGallery for

free. The tickets will be allocated by computer ballot and successful applicants will receive a notification through the Application on April 2.

Visitors are advised to use public transportation as no parking spaces will be provided at the Academy. The open day will be cancelled if Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or the Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is still in force at 6.45am on the event day. Visitors should visit the FSD website (www.hkfsd.gov.hk) regularly for the latest information. For enquiries, please call 2411 8773.