<u>Appeal for information on missing maning Sau Mau Ping (with photo)</u>

Police today (March 19) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Sau Mau Ping.

Kwan Pui-tat, aged 41, went missing after he left his residence in Lok Wah North Estate on March 17 morning. His family made a report to Police today.

He is about 1.8 metres tall, 90 kilograms in weight and of fat build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a black short-sleeved T-shirt, black trousers, black and white sports shoes and carrying a grey suitcase.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him 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.



Inspection of aquatic products imported from Japan

In response to the Japanese Government's plan to discharge nuclear-contaminated water at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene issued a Food Safety Order which prohibits all aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds originating from the 10

metropolis/prefectures, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, from being imported into and supplied in Hong Kong.

For other Japanese aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds that are not prohibited from being imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct comprehensive radiological tests to verify that the radiation levels of these products do not exceed the guideline levels before they are allowed to be supplied in the market.

As the discharge of nuclear-contaminated water is unprecedented and will continue for 30 years or more, the Government will closely monitor and step up the testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening the scope of the import ban.

From noon on March 18 to noon today (March 19), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 172 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category. No sample was found to have exceeded the safety limit. Details can be found on the CFS's thematic website titled "Control Measures on Foods Imported from Japan"

(www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_rafs/programme_rafs_fc_01_30_Nuclear Event and Food Safety.html).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 50 samples of local catch for radiological levels. All the samples passed the tests. Details can be found on the AFCD's website (www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological_testing/Radiological_Test.htm 1).

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) has also enhanced the environmental monitoring of the local waters. No anomaly has been detected so far. For details, please refer to the HKO's website (www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html).

From August 24 to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 37 147 samples of food imported from Japan (including 24 845 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 10 278 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date : March 19, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : 02412

Issue date : March 20, 2024
Maturity date : June 19, 2024
Amount applied : HK\$124,150 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$58,203 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.26 PCT

Highest yield accepted : 4.33 PCT
Pro rata ratio* : About 98 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.39 PCT

Tender date : March 19, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2441

Issue date : March 20, 2024

Maturity date : September 19, 2024

Amount applied : HK\$30,600 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$12,800 MN

Average yield accepted : 4.24 PCT Highest yield accepted : 4.29 PCT Pro rata ratio* : About 72 PCT

Average tender yield : 4.35 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 March 25, 2024:

Tender date : March 26, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : Q2413

Issue date : March 27, 2024 Maturity date : June 26, 2024

Tenor : 91 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$60,237 MN

Tender date : March 26, 2024

Paper on offer : EF Bills Issue number : H2442

Issue date : March 27, 2024 Maturity date : September 25, 2024

Tenor : 182 Days

Amount on offer : HK\$15,000 MN

<u>Public invited to Hospital Authority</u> <u>Board Meeting</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Members of the public are invited to attend the Hospital Authority (HA) Board Meeting to be held on March 21 (Thursday) at 4pm.

The HA Board Meeting has been open to members of the public since 1998 to demonstrate the continuous effort of the Authority to enhance its transparency and public accountability. The HA Board holds meetings at regular intervals to discuss major health policy issues that have impacts on the public. Through these open meetings, the community is able to understand more about the role and functions of the HA Board as well as the operation and services of the HA and its hospitals.

The HA Board will discuss the following agenda items in the coming meeting:

- Hospital Authority Annual Plan 2024-25;
- Progress Report on Strategic Priorities; and
- Cluster Presentation Programme Hong Kong West Cluster Recycled/Reimplanted Tumour-bearing Autograft Treated with Liquid Nitrogen for Reconstruction of Bone Defect in Limb Salvage Surgery.

The meeting agenda and papers will be made available to the public at the meeting. Members of the public are reminded that they can attend the Board Meeting only as observers and will not be participating in the meeting discussions.

Meeting have to make an advance booking by contacting the Secretariat of the HA Board at 2300 6797 during office hours. To facilitate booking arrangements, members of the public are advised to provide their names and contact telephone numbers. In view of the limited seating available in the public gallery of the meeting venue, seating will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (March 19) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.