

# Coin Collection Programme

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

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) today (March 8) announced a new service schedule of the two Coin Carts under the Coin Collection Programme, for the period of March 25, 2024, up to June 2, 2024. The schedule and other details of the Programme are shown on the HKMA webpage ([coincollection.hkma.gov.hk](http://coincollection.hkma.gov.hk)).

Since the launch of the Programme in October 2014 up to February 29, 2024, the two Coin Carts had carried out 1,186,000 transactions, collecting 929 million coins with a total face value of HK\$1,465 million during the period. The collected coins are re-circulated to meet demand.

The Coin Carts provide service at locations that are convenient to the public without affecting the normal flow of traffic and pedestrians. Locations that have suitable power supply facilities, such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department mobile library service locations, are preferred so as to reduce the need for using the Coin Carts' own stand-by generators. This makes the Programme more environmentally friendly. In selecting the service locations, the HKMA has taken into consideration comments and suggestions given by district councils and members of public; and has consulted the Transport Department and the Hong Kong Police Force as necessary.

The two Coin Carts collect coins from members of public in the 18 districts of Hong Kong on a rotating basis. Under normal circumstances each Coin Cart will stay at a location for a week, subject to availability of the parking space and the maintenance schedule of the Cart. Service hours are from 10am to 7pm. Each vehicle is equipped with two coin counting machines and operational staff will be present to provide assistance. An electrical wheelchair lift is available for use. Users can choose to exchange coins for banknotes or adding value to their stored value facilities, such as Octopus Cards or e-wallets (including AlipayHK, Octopus Wallet, Tap&Go, TNG Wallet and WeChat Pay). There is also a Community Chest donation box inside each vehicle. The coin collection service is free of charge.

The HKMA will review the Programme from time to time; and will regularly update the service schedule to give advance notice to the public.

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## Red flag hoisted at Stanley Main 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 8) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

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## **[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled dried sea cucumbers and dried fish gills worth about \\$1.1 million \(with photo\)](#)**

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 7) seized about 191 kilograms of suspected scheduled dried sea cucumbers and 369kg of suspected scheduled dried fish gills, with a total estimated market value of about \$1.1 million, at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers yesterday selected a 40-foot seaborne container, arriving in Hong Kong from Myanmar, for inspection. The batch of dried sea cucumbers and dried fish gills suspected to be scheduled under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Ordinance) (Cap. 586) was found inside the container.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for follow-up action.

Under the Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing, exporting, or possessing any endangered species without a required licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years. For licensing requirements for the species listed on different appendices, members of the public may visit the website: [www.cites.hk](http://www.cites.hk). For enquiries, please contact the AFCD through email ([hk\\_cites@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:hk_cites@afcd.gov.hk)) or call 1823.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)) or online form ([eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002](http://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002)).



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## [Tenders invited for site formation and engineering infrastructure works at Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area](#)

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (March 8) gazetted a notice to invite tenders for the contract for Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area Second Phase Development – Contract 4 – Site Formation and Engineering Infrastructure Works (Contract No. YL/2023/04). The closing time for the tender is noon on May 3.

The works mainly include:

1. site clearance and formation (including land decontamination works) for about 43 hectares of lands, together with provision of associated engineering infrastructure;
2. construction of district distributor and local roads connecting Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area to Tin Ha Road;
3. construction of pedestrian footbridges;
4. construction of a cycle track and pedestrian subway and associated retaining walls;
5. revitalisation of some sections of Tin Sam Channel;
6. construction of a sewage pumping station;
7. construction of associated works including water mains, drainage and sewerage works, district cooling mains, cycle tracks, footpaths, box culverts, landscaping works, electrical and mechanical works and other ancillary works; and
8. implementation of environmental mitigation measures (including noise barriers) and environmental monitoring works for the works mentioned above.

The works are scheduled to commence in mid-2024 and will take about 54 months to complete.

The CEDD has commissioned Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors may obtain the forms of tender and further particulars from the company at Level 5, Festival Walk, 80 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong.

Details of the tender notice are available on the CEDD website ([www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html](http://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html)). For enquiries, please call Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited at 2268 3400 during office hours.

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## **Proposed road works for Development of San Tin Technopole Phase 1 works gazetted**

The Government gazetted today (March 8) the proposed road works for the Development of San Tin Technopole Phase 1 works.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plans and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre  
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,  
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,  
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,  
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans and location plan are available at [www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html](http://www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html).

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to [gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk](mailto:gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk).

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than May 7, 2024.