Announcement by Judiciary

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Judiciary today (February 1) announced that in view of public health consideration, all hearings of the courts/tribunals originally scheduled from February 3 (Monday) to February 9 (Sunday) will be adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Despite the general adjournment, the courts will handle urgent and essential hearings/matters during this period. These include fresh remand cases, urgent and essential bail-related reviews and other urgent applications to the courts. They will be handled in accordance with the established mechanisms, including the Duty Judge system.

Court/tribunal registries and offices will continue to be closed until February 9, except for providing support for the handling of the above urgent and essential court hearings/matters.

The Judiciary will continue to post updated information, including Daily Cause Lists and advice to court users visiting the courts during this period, on the Judiciary website (www.judiciary.hk). Court users are advised to check the website for updated information as necessary.