## <u>Application period for Retail Sector</u> <u>Subsidy Scheme to end on April 12</u>

The application period for the Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme established under the first-round Anti-epidemic Fund of the Government will close on April 12 (Sunday). Retailers wishing to apply for the subsidy should submit their online application and relevant supporting documents through the Scheme's online application system (<u>retailsubsidy.gov.hk</u>) before the deadline.

The Scheme covers shops that sell tangible goods to the public for personal or household consumption or utilisation. No processing or transformation of the goods should be involved in the resale process. The Scheme was opened for application on March 23. As at 8am today (April 9), over 79 000 applications have been received.

Vetting of applications has already commenced during the application period. Disbursement of the subsidy to approved applicants through bank transfer will commence today. The vetting work is expected to be completed within May.

For enquiries concerning details and the application procedure of the Scheme, applicants can call the telephone hotline (1836 111) or email to <u>enquiry@retailsubsidy.hk</u>.