

Special arrangements for services of Social Welfare Department

In view of the latest developments of the epidemic situation, a spokesperson for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (August 28) announced the arrangements for the SWD's public services from August 31 to September 6.

While the departmental hotline service will be in operation as normal, other services such as those of the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) and the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) will be provided on a limited scale.

The SSFUs will be open to the public on Tuesday and Friday. Relevant application forms are also provided next to the drop-in boxes of the SSFUs and can be downloaded from the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk). Completed forms can be returned to the relevant SSFUs by post, fax or email, or through the drop-in boxes of the SSFUs at any time. After receiving the applications, the SSFU staff will contact applicants for processing their applications. For enquiries, please call the SSFU staff on duty during office hours.

The IFSCs will continue to be open to the public to provide casework services with extended hours of service suspended.

Service users are advised to call the hotline on 2343 2255 for details of services provision. To reduce the risk of infection arising from gatherings of people, service users are advised to contact the staff of the service units by telephone in advance so that interviews can be scheduled as appropriate. All visitors must put on masks, have their body temperature checked and maintain social distancing.

Meanwhile, the SWD has strengthened infection controls at all service units. Staff will be reminded to follow necessary infection control measures.

The SWD will continue to monitor the situation, with a view to returning the delivery of public services to normal as far as possible, as circumstances permit.

Tender period extended for Free-flow Tolling System in Hong Kong –

Development of Backend System

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (August 28) announced that the tender period for the contract for Free-flow Tolling System in Hong Kong – Development of Backend System (Contract No. EDO 4/2019) has been extended to noon on September 18.

The CEDD invited tenders for the contract on July 10 this year. The tender period was originally scheduled to expire at noon September 4.

The extension of the tender period was gazetted today. Details of the tender notice are available on the CEDD's website (www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notice/index.html).

The CEDD has appointed Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited as the consultant to design and supervise the project. For enquiries, please call the company at 2268 3540 during office hours.

HA announces two COVID-19 patients passed away

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority spokesperson today (August 28) announced the passing away of two patients confirmed with COVID-19 infection today.

The 91-year-old male patient (case number: 4072), admitted to United Christian Hospital on August 9 due to cough, succumbed at 7.54am this morning.

The 76-year-old male patient (case number: 2962), admitted to Tuen Mun Hospital on July 28 due to cough, succumbed at 10.25am this morning.

Both patients have chronic diseases and their condition continued to deteriorate after admission. The hospitals concerned were saddened by the passing away of the patients and would offer necessary assistance to their family members.

Including the above two patients, 83 COVID-19 confirmed patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

Resumption of flat selection for GSH 2019

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

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) announced today (August 28) that flat selection sessions of Sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) Flats 2019 will gradually resume service from next Monday (August 31). The number of flat selection sessions per day as well as the number of people invited to each session will be suitably adjusted.

Starting from August 31, the flat selection will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with two flat selection sessions each day, commencing from 9am and 11am respectively. The HA has issued flat selection notification letters by batches to concerned GSH applicants according to their priority for flat selection.

The GSH Sales Unit in Kwun Tong, including the exhibition area for displaying the building models and doll houses of GSH 2019, will be open from 8.45am to 5pm, Monday to Friday starting from August 31.

Infection control measures such as controlling the flow of people, mandatory body temperature checks and wearing of masks will be in place.

For enquiries, please contact the HA Sales Hotline on 2712 8000.

Proposed new road in Tsing Yi gazetted

The Government gazetted today (August 28) the proposed construction of a new road connecting Tsing Yi Road and Tsing Yi Hong Wan Road, which is required to alleviate the traffic load of the southeast road network of Tsing Yi including Tsing Yi Road, Tsing Yi Hong Wan Road and Tsing Sha Highway, and to cope with the anticipated traffic growth of the future development of port logistics as well as other development projects in Kwai Tsing District.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan 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

Kwai Tsing Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
2/F, Kwai Hing Government Offices Building,
166-174 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories

District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing,
10/F, Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building,
174-208 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan will be available at
www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

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

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing 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 gazettethb@thb.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 Housing not later than October 27, 2020.