

CAD's Personnel Licensing Office to resume all counter services on August 24

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) announced today (August 21) that the department's Personnel Licensing Office (PELO) will resume all counter services, including walk-in services, from next Monday (August 24).

The opening hours of the PELO are 8.45am to 12.45pm and 1.45pm to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.

For enquiries, please contact the CAD through email (enquiry@cad.gov.hk) or the PELO enquiry hotline (2910 6046).

Government further promotes cross-sector cyber security information sharing

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) announced today (August 21) that the Partnership Programme for Cyber Security Information Sharing, also known as Cybersec Infohub, will be formalised from September 1 onwards. The OGCI0 will partner with the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited (HKIRC) to administer the collaborative platform [Cybersechub.hk](https://www.cybersechub.hk) and encourage more public and private organisations to take part in the cross-sector sharing of cyber security information with a view to further enhancing the city's overall defensive capability and resilience against cyber attacks.

The OGCI0 launched the two-year pilot Programme in 2018 with funding support from TechConnect (Block Vote) under the Innovation and Technology Bureau. Since its launch, the pilot Programme has received a positive response from participating members and industries. At present, the Programme has 259 organisation members with over 850 registered representatives, covering a wide range of sectors including finance and insurance, public utilities, transport, healthcare, telecommunications, innovation and technology, information security and tertiary education institutions. The participating members and industry stakeholders indicated in the interim review of the Programme that the Programme is effective in enhancing overall cyber security situational awareness, facilitating mutual notification of cyber security information among different sectors, and improving the

efficiency of information sharing.

A spokesman for the OGCI0 said, "Apart from fostering the culture of cross-sector cyber security information sharing, the Programme also aims to reduce cyber security risks for specific sectors by actively enhancing exchanges within key industries such as banking and healthcare through organising sector-specific seminars and setting up individual groups for information sharing. The OGCI0 has also collaborated with the Hong Kong Association of Banks in motivating its member banks to actively participate in the Programme so as to facilitate sharing of cyber security information with other sectors. At present, over 95 banks are registered members of the Programme.

"The HKIRC, a non-profit-distributing organisation, will be in charge of the daily operation and financing of the formalised Programme as a means of upholding the neutrality of the Programme while the OGCI0 will steer and monitor the operation. The HKIRC's '.hk' members cover the majority of local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that have webpages, and we anticipate that this partnership with the HKIRC will create synergy to attract the participation of more organisations, including SMEs, in sharing cyber security information."

Membership of all existing participating members will continue in the formalised Programme. No re-registration is needed. To encourage information sharing among different stakeholders with a view to maintaining a secure and reliable cyberspace and developing a safe and business-friendly environment, the OGCI0 will work with the HKIRC to continuously promote the Programme to different industry sectors, enhancing its effectiveness and conducting regular reviews on the Programme.

So far, more than 1 400 pieces of cyber security information of various types have been shared on the [Cybersechub.hk](https://www.cybersec.hk) platform, including alerts and advisories on sector-specific cyber threats, exchanges of views on cyber security incidents of public concern, and the latest security developments of emerging technologies (such as fintech and blockchain). Over 330 pieces of cyber security information were also released for public reference via the Public Zone of the platform. In addition, the Programme has organised seven seminars and professional workshops for participating members.

The Partnership Programme for Cyber Security Information Sharing aims to enable the sharing of cyber security information, advice and professional insights among members and cyber security experts from different sectors. It also facilitates collaboration among members, through their sharing of alerts on the latest cyber threats, to take more effective measures to guard against cyber attacks.

Special arrangements for services of Social Welfare Department

In view of the latest development of the epidemic situation, a spokesperson for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (August 21) announced the arrangements for the SWD's public services from August 24 to 30.

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 are temporarily closed to the public but maintain services on a limited scale through other modes of service delivery. Relevant application forms are 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. 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 but will only 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 resuming the delivery of public services to normal as far as possible, as circumstances permit.

Tenders invited for fee-paying public car park licence

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year

licence of a fee-paying public car park on portions of the ground floor at West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The premises should be used for the purpose of a fee-paying public car park for the parking of private cars.

The tender notice was uploaded today (August 21) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during the period from 9am to 6pm from Mondays to Fridays, except public holidays. The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend a site inspection should make a prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 3842 6777 on or before September 3 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the ground floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before noon on September 16 this year. Late tenders will not be accepted.

Cargo clearance facilities at Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point to open on August 26 (with photos)

The Government today (August 21) announced that the Heung Yuen Wai (HYW) Boundary Control Point (BCP) will be commissioned on August 26. In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, both Guangdong and Hong Kong have agreed to open first the cargo clearance facilities for use by cross-boundary goods vehicles.

"The opening ceremony for the new BCP will be held at Liantang Port in Shenzhen in the morning of August 26, while the cargo clearance facilities will open for cross-boundary goods vehicles from 4pm that day," a Government spokesman said. In view of the development of the epidemic, the new BCP will not be opened at this stage for Guangdong-Hong Kong cross-boundary private cars, cross-boundary coaches and cross-boundary hire cars under the regular quota, as well as passenger clearance services in order to reduce the flow of people between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

The Liantang Port/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point is the seventh land-based control point at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen boundary. It is named HYW BCP in Hong Kong and Liantang Port in Shenzhen. At the initial stage of the

commissioning of the HYW BCP, its operating hours for cargo clearance will be 7am to 10pm daily, which are in line with those of the adjacent Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok BCPs.

The spokesman said that the HYW BCP in Hong Kong is connected to the Heung Yuen Wai Highway, which was completed and opened last year, while the Liantang Port is connected to the Shenzhen Eastern Corridor. Currently, cross-boundary goods vehicles going to the eastern part of Shenzhen and eastern Guangdong generally travel through busy local roads in Hong Kong and Shenzhen via the existing boundary control points at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok. The commissioning of the new BCP will shorten the travelling time between Hong Kong, the eastern part of Shenzhen and eastern Guangdong, and can relieve the existing cross-boundary freight traffic, which will facilitate the smooth and efficient operation of cross-boundary logistics.

Cross-boundary goods vehicles can continue to use the existing land-based BCPs or use the HYW BCP with their existing valid Mainland approval documents and Closed Road Permits issued in Hong Kong. The Road Cargo System now operating at all land boundary control points will also provide cargo customs clearance services at the HYW BCP. Moreover, specimen-taking services for nucleic acid tests will be provided to cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers on-site within Liantang Port area in Shenzhen.

The routing for customs clearance on goods vehicles at the HYW BCP and the driving guides are available on the websites of the Customs and Excise Department (www.customs.gov.hk/en/whats_new/hywbcp/index.html) and the Transport Department (www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/land_based_cross_boundary_transport/access_to_heung_yuen_wai_control_point/index.html), as well as the all-in-one mobile application "HKeMobility".



