

Eligible employers and self-employed persons reminded to submit applications for wage subsidies before deadline on June 14

A Government spokesman today (June 5) reminded eligible employers and self-employed persons (SEPs) wishing to apply for the first tranche of wage subsidies under the Employment Support Scheme (ESS) to submit applications before 11.59pm on June 14 (Sunday), the deadline for application. Applications should be submitted through the ESS online portal at (www.ess.gov.hk).

Since the commencement of the three-week application period on May 25, the ESS has received, up to 6pm today, over 140 000 applications from employers and 170 000 from SEPs.

The spokesman said, "The vetting process of all the applications received is expeditiously underway with a view to disbursing wage subsidies to successful applicants starting from mid-June."

Upon completion of the processing of applications, the ESS Secretariat will inform successful applicants of the results via SMS and email. Applicants can login the ESS portal to check the amount of subsidy granted and the committed head count for the months of June to August 2020.

The spokesman said, "We note that quite a number of individual applicants who have applied for the one-off lump-sum subsidy of \$7,500 are in fact not eligible."

"We wish to remind that to be eligible for the ESS one-off subsidy, the applicant must have enrolled himself/herself in an Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Scheme as a 'SEP' and the relevant SEP MPF account should have been set up on or before March 31, 2020 (i.e. cannot be backdated to that date or any earlier dates), and has not been terminated as of March 31, 2020.

"Applicants who have set up MPF accounts as an employee (including employees who have ceased employment) are not eligible to apply for the one-off subsidy for SEPs."

For enquiries, please send email to enquiry@employmentsupport.hk or call the ESS hotline (1836 122). The operation hours during the remaining application period are as follows:

June 5–10	9am to 6pm
June 11-13	9am to 8pm (extended by 2 hours)

June 14 9am to 11.59pm (extended by 6 hours)

Applicants who need assistance in completing their online applications may call the ESS hotline to make appointments with the following three ESS Help Desks during the application period:

- North Point Help Desk at Room 1701, A T Tower, 180 Electric Road, North Point;
- Kwun Tong Help Desk at Room 2507, Prosperity Center, 25 Chong Yip Street, Kwun Tong; and
- Tsuen Wan Help Desk at Room 1206, Chinachem Tsuen Wan Plaza, 455 Castle Peak Road – Tsuen Wan.

The operating hours of the Help Desks during the remaining application period are as follows:

June 5-10	9am to 6pm
June 11-13	9am to 8pm (extended by 2 hours)
June 14	9am to 10pm (extended by 4 hours)

The operation hours of the ESS hotline and the Help Desks will be extended to Monday to Sunday (9am to 6pm) to answer enquiries beyond the application period.

Airmail postal services to certain destinations resumed

Hongkong Post today (June 5) announced that all airmail postal services (including Speedpost) to the destinations listed below will resume from tomorrow (June 6). However, the local postal administrations have informed that their operations are being affected by the epidemic, and as a result postal services to these destinations would be delayed.

- Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Singapore and Sweden

Members of the public may visit the web page at www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about_us/whats_new/notices/index_id_930.html to refer to the service types currently available for overseas destinations.

Appeal for information on missing man in Cheung Sha Wan (with photo)

Police today (June 5) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan.

Lee Kam-chuen, aged 78, went missing after he left an elderly home on Castle Peak Road yesterday (June 4) morning. Staff of the elderly home made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.65 metres tall, 45 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a grey long-sleeved jacket, grey trousers, blue slippers and carrying a black bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8036 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Meetings of Legislative Council and

its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

Details of the meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and its Committees to be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from June 8 to 12 are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meetings at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Missing man in Mong Kok located

A man who went missing in Mong Kok was located.

Tong Kai-wing, aged 54, went missing after he left an elderly home on Boundary Street on May 29 morning. Staff of the elderly home made a report to Police on May 30.

The man was located on Maple Street, Sham Shui Po yesterday (June 4) afternoon. He sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.