<u>Buildings Department extends special</u> <u>work arrangements to February 23</u>

In accordance with the Government's extension of itsspecial work arrangements for government departments to reduce social contacts and the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, the Buildings Department (BD) announced today (February 15) that the BD will continue to provide emergency and other essential services as well as basic and limited-scale public services between next Monday (February 17) and February 23. The services will be mainly handling public reports on building safety and unauthorised building works in progress, critical statutory submissions for new developments, registration of building professionals and contractors, advisory services for licensing authorities and implementation of Operation Building Bright 2.0.

Submission of the following applications and documents personally should be through:

- 1. A drop-in box located at G/F, Buildings Department Headquarters, North Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, (BD Headquarters) for collection of the specified forms and supporting documents required to be submitted under the Minor Works Control System, the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme, as well as applications for registration and renewal of registration of building professionals and contractors under the Buildings Ordinance during the period from 10am to 4pm from Monday to Friday;
- 2. A tender/quotation box located at the ground floor of the BD Headquarters for receiving tender/quotation documents during the period from 9.30am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday; and
- 3. A drop-in counter located at the office of the BD's New Buildings Division on 7/F, 14 Taikoo Wan Road, Taikoo Shing, Hong Kong for collection of applications and related documents and forms for new building works during the period from 10am to 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

The department will issue receipts/acknowledgements of submissions in due course. However, the handling time of the above services may be longer than usual.

The Building Information Centre and all receipt counters, dispatch counters, general enquiry counters and meeting rooms of the BD will not be open to the public until further notice. All appointments, meetings (except meetings essential to meet statutory requirements such as Minor Works Contractor Registration Committee meetings) and inspections scheduled for the period will be rescheduled to later dates and the individuals concerned will be notified in due course.

Emergency reports can be made on 1823. For general enquiries and reports, members of the public may call 1823 or inform the department by email, online reporting, fax or post.

Email: enquiry@bd.gov.hk

Electronic Reporting Form: eform.one.gov.hk/form/bd0001/en
Submission of Electronic Information: receipt@bd.gov.hk

Mailing address: G/F, Buildings Department Headquarters, North Tower, West

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