<u>Companies Registry to provide limited</u> <u>counter services starting from July 20</u>

â€<To align with the special work arrangement announced by the Government today (July 19) to provide emergency services and essential public services starting from tomorrow (July 20) in order to significantly reduce the flow of people and social contacts to stop COVID-19 from further spreading in the community, the Companies Registry announced today that it will provide limited counter services every working day for receiving documents delivered in hard copy and collection of certificates for company incorporations from tomorrow until further notice.

The limited opening hours of the Registry will be as follows with effect from July 20:

Queensway Government Offices - 14/F Public Service Hall and 12/F One Kowloon, Kowloon Bay

Monday to Friday 9.30am — 4pm

To achieve social distancing with a view to reducing the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the community, the Registry urges its customers to continue to deliver documents electronically or by post. Customers should avoid visiting the Registry's office premises unless they require urgent service. The Registry's services on registration of documents and public search services will continue to be provided electronically through the "e-Registry" (www.eregistry.gov.hk), "Cyber Search Centre" (www.icris.cr.gov.hk) and the website of the Registry for Trust and Company Service Providers (www.tcsp.cr.gov.hk).

The waiting time of the counter services provided at the Registry's offices will be longer as the provision of services will be scaled down. The Registry will also take longer time to process the documents submitted in hard copy form.

Please check the latest announcements on the Registry's website at $\underline{\mathsf{www.cr.gov.hk}}$ for any updates.

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