<u>EDB's latest public service</u> <u>arrangements</u>

In view of the extension of special work arrangements for government employees until August 23, a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (August 13) that all Regional Education Offices and the Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres will continue to provide emergency services and essential public services during this period.

The spokesman reminded members of the public who need these services to contact the service units concerned by phone in advance.

As for appointments already made for the audiological services at the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, officers of the EDB will contact the parents concerned for appropriate arrangements.

The School Places Allocation Section will continue to provide limited hotline services to handle enquiries.

When circumstances permit, the Teacher Registration Team will invite applicants to proceed with necessary procedures in due course. New teachers taking up teaching posts in the new school year would not be affected in principle.

Regarding the following public facilities/units of the EDB, they will remain closed to the public temporarily until further notice:

1. Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, Special Education Resource Centre, Central Resources Centre and Young Achievers' Gallery located at Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre;

2. Arts and Technology Education Centre (including STEM Education Centre);

- 3. School Places Allocation Section;
- 4. Qualifications Framework Secretariat; and
- 5. Teacher Registration Team.