

Immigration Department clarifies fake news on Supplementary Labour Scheme

The Immigration Department (ImmD) is aware today (November 2) of a letter purportedly issued by the ImmD being circulated in the community claiming that the Government would stop accepting applications under the Supplementary Labour Scheme (SLS) from November onwards. The ImmD clarifies that the message is totally groundless and fictitious.

The ImmD spokesman emphasises that the ImmD has never issued the letter concerned to any person or organisation, and reminds the public not to be misled by the fake message. The ImmD severely condemns the parties who made use of the false document to deliberately disseminate incorrect and untrue information. Resolute follow-up action will be taken.

The SLS has been renamed as the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS) which has started accepting applications since September 4, 2023. The approvals-in-principle previously granted under the SLS remain valid for the purpose of application for employment in Hong Kong under the ESLS within the periods specified in the approval-in-principle letters. For details of the ESLS, please visit the website of the Labour Department (LD) www.labour.gov.hk or call the Supplementary Labour Division of the LD at 2150 6363. For details on visa/entry permit applications for employment as an imported worker under the ESLS, please visit the ImmD's website www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/imported_worker.html or call the ImmD's enquiry hotline 2824 6111.