

Judiciary introduces e-Appointment service for three registries

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (March 2) announced that an e-Appointment service, which is free of charge to the public would be launched on March 5 (Friday) for the Probate Registry, the Family Court Registry and the Lands Tribunal Registry for few specified types of services.

The newly introduced e-Appointment System enables unrepresented litigants/applicants to make online appointments for specified services on March 8 (Monday) and beyond.

Probate Registry of High Court

An online appointment service will be available to grantees who file an application for amendment of Grant where:

- (1) the deceased died on or after February 11, 2006; and
- (2) the original Grant is in the possession of the grantee(s); and
- (3) the Grant was issued without any limitation; and
- (4) Guarantee is not required; and
- (5) the application for amendment of Grant seems simple and straightforward and the nature of the estate is not complicated.

The new service will be accessible at
www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/pres_index.html

Registry of Family Court

The new service will be applicable to those who submit petitions for divorce or joint applications. It is accessible at
www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/fcci_index.html

Registry of Lands Tribunal

The online appointment service is applicable to the filing of new applications for three types of cases:

- (1) Possession Application for Domestic Premises;
- (2) Possession Application for Non-Domestic Premises; and
- (3) Building Management Application.

The new service is accessible
at www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/ldci_index.html

Unrepresented litigants/applicants may refer to the Guidance Notes of the respective registries at the above dedicated links for details of the e-Appointment service.

The Judiciary will review the experience of the above initial application of e-Appointment services with a view to refining and extending it incrementally to other services where appropriate.