May 31 deadline for lodging proposals to object to rateable values

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) today (May 16) reminded members of the public that proposals objecting to the rateable values effective from April 1 this year must be lodged by May 31. The rateable values can be viewed on the RVD's <u>Property Information Online website</u> by May 31.

Proposals can be lodged by submitting an <u>electronic form</u> (Form e-R20A) on the RVD's website or a completed Form R20A to the RVD in person or by post, without the need to engage an agent. Form R20A is available on the <u>RVD's website</u>, at the RVD's office or the Home Affairs Department's Home Affairs Enquiry Centres. Proposals received after May 31 or submitted by other means will not be accepted.

Rates and Government rent must be paid by the last day for payment shown on the demands, whether or not a proposal has been lodged.

The RVD will review all proposals carefully in accordance with the relevant ordinances. Whether or not a proposal is lodged through an agent has no bearing on the review. Proposers will be informed of the RVD's decisions before December 1. Any changes in rateable values resulting from such decisions will date back to April 1 this year, and adjustments will be made in subsequent demands.