

CAD's Personnel Licensing Office and Shroff Office to resume services on February 3

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) announced today (February 1) that the Personnel Licensing Office (PELO) and the Shroff Office will resume services from next Monday (February 3).

The opening hours of the PELO and the Shroff Office are 8.45am to 12.45pm and 1.45pm to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.

For enquiries, please contact the CAD through email (enquiry@cad.gov.hk) or PELO enquiry hotline (2910 6046).

Announcement by Judiciary

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Judiciary today (February 1) announced that in view of public health consideration, all hearings of the courts/tribunals originally scheduled from February 3 (Monday) to February 9 (Sunday) will be adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Despite the general adjournment, the courts will handle urgent and essential hearings/matters during this period. These include fresh remand cases, urgent and essential bail-related reviews and other urgent applications to the courts. They will be handled in accordance with the established mechanisms, including the Duty Judge system.

Court/tribunal registries and offices will continue to be closed until February 9, except for providing support for the handling of the above urgent and essential court hearings/matters.

The Judiciary will continue to post updated information, including Daily Cause Lists and advice to court users visiting the courts during this period, on the Judiciary website (www.judiciary.hk). Court users are advised to check the website for updated information as necessary.

Temporary closure of LCSD facilities until February 17

To tie in with the response level under the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance" being raised to the Emergency Response Level and to encourage people to avoid gathering, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (February 1) that the following cultural and leisure facilities will continue to be temporarily closed until February 17 (Monday). Recreational, sports and cultural programmes held at these venues during the same period will also be cancelled.

Land sports facilities and aquatic facilities temporarily closed include all sports centres, sports grounds, grass pitches, artificial turf soccer pitches, tennis courts, squash courts, bowling greens, golf facilities, public swimming pools, beaches, Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre, water sports centres and holiday camps. Cultural facilities include all museums, performance venues, public libraries and their study rooms, mobile libraries, and music centres of the Music Office.

During the temporary closure period, URB-TIX will maintain internet and mobile app ticketing and hotline services. Public libraries will continue to provide online services such as e-Books and e-Databases. Non-fee charging land-based leisure facilities including parks, playgrounds, outdoor hard-surface pitches, skateboard grounds, skateparks, roller skating rinks and cycling grounds will maintain services.

The LCSD will monitor the situation closely and review the arrangements in a timely manner. Refund arrangements will be announced later.

Latest arrangements for Highways Department's public services

To align with the special work arrangement announced by the Government on January 31 to reduce the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, the Highways Department announced today (February 1) the provision of basic and limited public services to members of the public from February 3 to February 9, including processing of excavation permit applications for excavation works on public roads and part of the non-emergency road repair works.

The Highways Department will continue to provide necessary and emergency public road repair services including daily inspections of expressways and emergency road repairs. It will also arrange for its contractors to continue enhancing the cleansing work for the handrails of footbridges, subways and escalators, as well as buttons of lifts, under the department's purview.

The Reporting Centre of the Highways Department will maintain its operation to handle road repair matters. For any suggestions, enquiries or complaints on the services, members of the public may continue to call the 24-hour hotline 2926 4111 or call 1823.

CEDD's Civil Engineering Library provides basic and limited public services starting from next week

In light of the extension of special work arrangements for government departments and the latest developments of the novel coronavirus infection, the Civil Engineering and Development Department announced today (February 1) that starting from next Monday (February 3), its Civil Engineering Library will provide basic and limited services to members of the public. The office hours will be from 10am to 4pm from Monday to Friday until further notice.

For enquiries regarding the services provided by the Civil Engineering Library, please call 2762 5147 during its office hours.