

## Tender closing time for Public Works Tender Box at QGO extended

The Public Works Tender Board (PWTB) announced today (January 28) that the closing time for tenders to be received through the Public Works Tender Box on the 41/F of Queensway Government Offices at 66 Queensway, Hong Kong, by noon January 31 will be extended until further notice due to special work arrangement for government departments.

The PWTB will announce another tender closing extension arrangement as soon as possible via the issuance of a press release on the GovHK website ([www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm](http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm)).

For enquiries, please call 2867 4019 between 8.15am and 5.30pm from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays).

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## Suspension of services of Transport Department

To tie in with the response level under the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance" being raised to Emergency Response Level and avoid people from gathering, the Transport Department today (January 28) announced that the public services under the department, i.e. the Licensing Offices at Admiralty, Cheung Sha Wan, Kwun Tong and Sha Tin, Public Vehicles Unit, Cross Boundary Unit, Driving Test Appointment Office, Vehicle Examination Centres, Driving Test Centres, Written Test Centre, Urban and New Territories Regional Offices will be suspended from tomorrow (January 29) until further notice.

Candidates scheduled for driving test (including road test and written test) will be individually informed of the alternative arrangements.

Applicants who have made an appointment for renewal of a full driving licence/vehicle licence or application for an international driving permit will have to reschedule the appointment by making a fresh application.

Urban and New Territories Regional Offices will inform permit applicants separately regarding the arrangement for permit collection.

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## **Temporary closure of public facilities of Government Records Service from tomorrow**

To tie in with the response level under the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance" being raised to Emergency Response Level and avoid people from gathering, a spokesman for the Government Records Service (GRS) announced today (January 28) that public facilities (including Search Room and Exhibition Hall) in Hong Kong Public Records Building of GRS will be temporarily closed from tomorrow (January 29), visitor and public education programmes will also be cancelled until further notice.

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## **Temporary closure of Land Registry offices**

To implement the special work arrangement for Government departments after the Lunar New Year holidays that announced today (January 28), all offices of the Land Registry will be closed from tomorrow (January 29) to February 2. During the interim, customers can conduct land searches through the Internet search service at [www.iris.gov.hk](http://www.iris.gov.hk).

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## **Government appeals to employers to make special work arrangement to reduce the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community**

The Government today (January 28) appeals to employers to make flexible work arrangement for employees in accordance with their operational needs in order to reduce the risk of the spread of novel coronavirus in the community. Except for staff providing emergency and essential services, employers should consider not requiring all other employees to return to the offices

but to work at home. This will help maintain good labour-management relations and reduce the risk of the spread of novel coronavirus in the community. Employers should review the arrangement taking into account of the latest situation.