

Government to let by tender four sites in New Territories to brownfield operators

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (July 19) that a total of four pieces of government land in Tuen Mun and North District will be let by way of short-term tenancy through tender to eligible brownfield operators affected by the land resumption and clearance exercises before or within the third quarter of 2027 under relevant government development projects.

Brownfield operators, which were invited to participate in previous relevant tenders for a short-term tenancy for two or more times after the completion of clearance exercises of relevant government development projects, would be excluded from this tender.

The tender commences today and will close on August 20. Details of the four pieces of land and the list of relevant government development projects involved are described in a Government [Notice](#) gazetted today.

Under the prevailing arrangements, business operators affected by government development projects will be offered statutory compensation in accordance with the law, or ex-gratia allowances as an alternative, subject to fulfilment of relevant eligibility criteria.

A spokesperson for the LandsD said that in order to facilitate brownfield operators' relocation of businesses or operations, and to optimise the utilisation of land resources, the department has been identifying suitable vacant sites on government land to let through tender by way of a short-term tenancy.

The four pieces of land to be let through tender are suitable for a range of uses including industrial use, open storage, godown, workshop, recovery and recycling or reprocessing business and fee-paying public carpark.

The spokesperson stressed that the LandsD will continue to identify vacant sites suitable for use by those brownfield operators required to be displaced, and these sites will be let through tender by way of a short-term tenancy.

Proposed road works at Basel Road in

Shau Kei Wan gazetted

The Government gazetted today (July 19) the proposed road works on Basel Road in Shau Kei Wan to facilitate the public housing development on A Kung Ngam Road.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Eastern Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Eastern Law Courts Building,
29 Tai On Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong

District Lands Office, Hong Kong East,
19/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan are available at www.tlb.gov.hk/eng/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.html.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than September 17, 2024.

Red flags hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 19) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Companies Registry releases statistics for first half of 2024

A total of 66,734 local companies were newly registered during the first half of 2024, according to the statistics released by the Companies Registry today (July 19). As at the end of June this year, the total number of local companies registered under the Companies Ordinance reached 1,440,935, which is an all-time high figure.

In the first half of 2024, 501 non-Hong Kong companies have newly established a place of business in Hong Kong and were registered under the Companies Ordinance. The total number of registered non-Hong Kong companies reached 14,959 by the end of June 2024, which is also an all-time high figure.

To respond to evolving business needs, the new e-Services Portal of the revamped Integrated Companies Registry Information System was launched on December 27, 2023, to provide electronic services to members of the public through a single integrated platform. The Registry will continue to enhance the system to cater for legislative and procedural changes in future and the provision of quality electronic services.

The number of charges on properties of companies received for registration in the first half of 2024 was 5,721. The number of notifications of payments and releases received for registration in the same period was 8,808.

The number of documents delivered to the Registry for registration during the first six months of 2024 was 1,520,759.

A total of 2,564,604 searches of document image records were conducted using the Registry's electronic search services in the first half of 2024.

For limited partnership funds (LPFs), the number of new registration in the first half of 2024 was 113. The total number of LPFs by the end of June 2024 was 844.

For open-ended fund companies (OFCs), the number of new incorporation in the first half of 2024 was 129. The total number of OFCs by the end of June 2024 was 371.

As for the licensing of trust or company service providers, during the first half of 2024, 324 new licences were granted by the Registry. The total number of licensees was 6,974 as at the end of June.

For the licensing of money lenders, during the first half of 2024, 75 new licences were granted by the Licensing Court. The total number of licensed money lenders was 2,193 as at the end of June.

For details of the half-yearly statistics, please visit the "Statistics" section of the Registry's website (www.cr.gov.hk).

Temporary closure of Mei Lam Sports Centre

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (July 19) that, due to power failure, Mei Lam Sports Centre in Sha Tin District has been temporarily closed for urgent maintenance works until further notice.