<u>Applications for Distance Business</u> <u>Programme to close on October 31</u>

Applications for the Distance Business Programme under the Anti-epidemic Fund of the Government will close on October 31. The Innovation and Technology Commission today (October 23) reminded interested enterprises to submit applications through the Programme's online system as soon as possible.

The Distance Business Programme aims to provide funding support for enterprises to continue business and services during the epidemic through adoption of information technology solutions. The Hong Kong Productivity Council is the Secretariat of the Programme. The Programme was opened for application on May 18. As at October 22, the Secretariat had received 27 785 applications and processed 19 651 applications, of which 17 252 applications had been approved with total funding of around \$970 million.

Details of the Programme are available on the website (<u>u.hkpc.org/dbiz</u>). For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat by phone on 2788 5070 during business hours (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays)) or via email at <u>dbiz@hkpc.org</u>.