## <u>Buildings Department extends special</u> work arrangements to February 16

To align with the extension of the special work arrangements for government departments until February 16 as announced by the Government yesterday (February 7) with a view to further reducing the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, a Buildings Department (BD) spokesman announced today (February 8) that the BD will continue to provide emergency services and other essential services as well as basic and limitedscale public services between next Monday (February 10) and February 16. The services will be concentrated on public reports on building safety and unauthorised building works in progress, statutory submissions for new developments received, registration of building professionals and contractors, advisory services for licensing authorities and implementation of Operation Building Bright 2.0.

For specified forms and supporting documents required to be submitted under the Minor Works Control System, the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme, as well as applications for registration and renewal of registration of building professionals and contractors under the Buildings Ordinance, members of the public can place them in the drop-in box located at G/F, Buildings Department Headquarters, North Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during the period from 10am to 4pm from Monday to Friday. The department will issue receipts/acknowledgements of submissions in due course. However, the handling times of the above services may be longer than usual. In addition, the tender/quotation box located at the ground floor of the Buildings Department Headquarters will be open for receiving tender/quotation documents during the period from 9.30am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday.

The Building Information Centre and all receipt counters, dispatch counters, general enquiry counters and meeting rooms of the BD will not be open to the public until further notice. All appointments, meetings (except meetings essential to meet statutory requirements such as Minor Works Contractor Registration Committee meetings) and inspections scheduled for the period will be rescheduled to later dates and the individuals concerned will be notified in due course.

Emergency reports can be made on 1823. For general enquiries and reports, members of the public may call 1823 or inform the department by email, online reporting, fax or post.

## Email: enquiry@bd.gov.hk

Electronic Reporting Form: <u>eform.one.gov.hk/form/bd0001/en/</u> Submission of Electronic Information: <u>receipt@bd.gov.hk</u> Mailing address: G/F, Buildings Department Headquarters, North Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon Fax: 2537 4992