<u>Chits for registration of ex-gratia</u> <u>allowance applications available for</u> <u>collection by eligible fishermen</u> <u>starting June 16</u>

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (May 4) that eligible fishermen (with vessels exceeding 15 metres in length) affected by relevant marine works in Hong Kong waters may collect chits for registration of exgratia allowance applications starting June 16.

Following established procedures, an interdepartmental working group on ex-gratia allowance for fishermen comprising representatives from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Marine Department, the Home Affairs Department, the LandsD and relevant works departments has been set up to handle the ex-gratia allowance applications. The interdepartmental working group informed fishermen of the arrangements for chit distribution in the briefing sessions held in April.

Applicants should collect the chits at the dates, times and venues specified below, and register their applications in person according to the details specified on the chits. Details of the chit distribution are listed below:

Date: June 16 (Wednesday) and June 28 (Monday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Venue: Multi-purpose Hall, Ap Lei Chau Community Hall, Ap Lei Chau Estate, Hong Kong

Date: June 17 (Thursday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Venue: Multi-purpose Hall, On Ting/Yau Oi Community Centre, On Ting Estate, Tuen Mun, New Territories

Date: June 21 (Monday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Venue: Conference Room, Aldrich Bay Community Hall, G/F, Oi Po House, Oi Tung Estate, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong

Date: June 22 (Tuesday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm Venue: Fisheries Liaison Assistant's Office, Sai Kung Wholesale Fish Market, 18-20 Hoi Pong Street, Sai Kung, New Territories

Date: June 23 (Wednesday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm Venue: Hall, Tai Po Community Centre, 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po, New Territories Date: June 24 (Thursday) Time: 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Venue: Conference Room, Cheung Chau Office, Fish Marketing Organization, 3/F, 83B Praya Road, Cheung Chau

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