<u>Companies Registry to adjust service</u> <u>provision from next Monday</u>

In view of the latest local epidemic situation, the Companies Registry announced today (February 11) that it will temporarily close the Public Search Centre on 13/F at Queensway Government Offices from next Monday (February 14) until further notice in order to reduce the flow of people. Customers can continue to conduct searches through the Cyber Search Centre (www.icris.cr.gov.hk), which operates 24 hours a day.

The other existing arrangements for services of the Registry will remain unchanged, including provision of counter services to receive documents delivered in hard copy and to allow customers to collect certificates for company incorporation. The opening hours of the Registry's counter services will be as follows:

14/F Public Service Hall at Queensway Government Offices and 12/F, One Kowloon, Kowloon Bay

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm

Customers can also continue to use electronic services on registration of documents through the e-Registry (www.eregistry.gov.hk) and the website of the Registry for Trust and Company Service Providers (www.tcsp.cr.gov.hk).

To reduce the flow of people and social contact in the community so as to curb the further spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Registry urges its customers to continue to deliver documents electronically or by post. Customers should avoid visiting the Registry's office premises unless they require urgent service.

The waiting time for public services provided at the Registry's offices will be longer given the adjusted services. The Registry will also take a longer time to process the documents submitted in hard copy form.

Please check the latest announcements on the Registry's website at www.cr.gov.hk for any updates.

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