

Court users may use integrated Court Case Management System for employees' compensation cases of District Court and summons cases of Magistrates' Courts

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (December 9) announced that starting from December 30, the application of the integrated Court Case Management System (iCMS) will be extended to cover employees' compensation cases of the District Court and summons cases of the Magistrates' Courts to allow court users to handle filing and payments electronically.

The iCMS, being developed in phases across various levels of courts, was first implemented for personal injuries action and tax claim proceedings in the District Court this May, and further covered civil action proceedings in the District Court in July.

The iCMS is an integral part of the Judiciary's Information Technology Strategy Plan. Covering various levels of courts, it aims to facilitate the handling of court-related documents and payments through an electronic mode.

The major electronic services under the iCMS include sending case-specific court documents to the courts and receiving such documents from the courts, inspecting or searching filed documents and other case-related information held by the courts, searching cause books, and making payments for court services.

Eligible users need to register for a user account for full use of the iCMS. They include parties of an ongoing or new e-proceeding and their legal representatives (if any), the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Law Society of Hong Kong, law firms, government departments, law enforcement agencies and statutory bodies. The registration is free of charge.

Unregistered members of the public may also use certain types of iCMS services, mainly related to searching of electronic documents that are open to public inspection.

To encourage migration to electronic filing and payment through the iCMS, a 20 per cent concession is offered to iCMS users for five years on fee items of the District Court and the Summons Courts of the Magistrates' Courts, which are primarily or directly related to electronic handling of court documents.

As for technical requirements, the iCMS can be accessed using personal

computers or mobile devices with Internet connection, commonly used operating systems and browsers. Relevant technical requirements are available at www.judiciary.hk/doc/en/e_courts/AI_TechReq_iCMS_e.pdf.

Generally speaking, the iCMS operates round the clock except during system maintenance. The system maintenance schedules of the iCMS, as specified by the Judiciary, are published on the dedicated webpage of the Judiciary's website (www.judiciary.hk/en/e_courts/index.html).

Any e-filing and e-payment received under the iCMS after the registry and the accounts office are normally closed to the public (i.e. after 5.30pm on a working day) will be deemed to be received upon the starting time of the normal opening hours of the registry and the accounts office on the following working day.

For enquiries, please call the general enquiry hotline at 2477 1002 or the technical helpline at 2886 6474, email enquiry@judiciary.hk or visit the Help Centre at 5/F, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai.