<u>e-Appointment service extended to</u> <u>Appeals Registry, High Court Registry</u> <u>and Integrated Mediation Office</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (January 3) announced that following the introduction of the e-Appointment service for the various services in the Probate Registry, the Family Court Registry and the Lands Tribunal Registry in March 2021, the service will be extended to the Appeals Registry at the Clerk of Court's Office of the High Court, the High Court Registry and the Integrated Mediation Office on Friday (January 7).

The extended e-Appointment System will enable unrepresented litigants or applicants to make online appointments via the respective new dedicated web links shown below for specified services of the registries and office from Friday.

Appeals Registry at Clerk of Court's Office of High Court

Unrepresented litigants can make online appointments via <u>www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/arci_index.html</u> for attending the Appeals Registry to file a notice of appeal, or summons for leave to appeal or extension of time to appeal for civil matters.

High Court Registry

Court users can make online appointments via <u>www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/apostl_index.html</u> for attending the Apostille Service Office of the High Court Registry to make applications for apostille service in respect of specified documents.

Integrated Mediation Office

Court users who wish to understand the nature of mediation and how it facilitates the resolution of disputes can make online appointments via <u>www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/imois_index.html</u> for attending information sessions on family mediation or general mediation (not the actual mediation sessions or counselling services) organised by the Judiciary's Integrated Mediation Office.

The Guidance Notes with details of the above new e-Appointment services are available at their corresponding dedicated links above.

The e-Appointment services introduced earlier in other registries have

so far been well received. They have helped to save time of court users in queuing for the services. Details of these services are accessible via the following links:

Probate Registry: Applications for amendment of grant (www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/pres_index.html)

Family Court Registry: Petitions for divorce or joint applications (www.judiciary.hk/en/court services facilities/fcci index.html)

Lands Tribunal Registry: Possession applications for domestic premises, possession applications for non-domestic premises, and building management applications

(www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/ldci_index.html)