## EDB's latest public service arrangements

In view of the latest epidemic situation and special work arrangements for Government employees, a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (February 3) that all Regional Education Offices and the Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres will provide only emergency services and essential public services as well as anti-epidemic related duties  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  from tomorrow $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (February  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ). The measure will be implemented tentatively  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  until February  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

The spokesman reminded that members of the public who need these services should contact the service units concerned by phone in advance. Members of the public can also use alternative means, such as the post, drop-in boxes or online channels, to receive the services they need.

As for appointments already made for the audiological services at the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, officers of the EDB will contact the parents concerned for appropriate arrangements.

The School Places Allocation Section will continue to provide limited hotline services to handle enquiries and appointments.

When circumstances permit, the Teacher Registration Team will invite applicants to proceed with the necessary procedure in due course. For the new teachers taking up teaching posts in this school year, their applications would not be affected in principle.

During the implementation of special work arrangements for Government employees, the following units of the EDB will remain closed to the public temporarily.

- 1. School Places Allocation Section;
- 2. Qualifications Framework Secretariat; and
- 3. Teacher Registration Team.