

Employment Support Scheme receives over 130 000 applications

The Employment Support Scheme (ESS) has received from May 25, the first day of the application period, up to 6pm today (May 26), a total of around 72 000 applications from employers and about 61 000 applications from self-employed persons. The dedicated online portal (www.ess.gov.hk) is functioning well.

Eligible employers and self-employed persons are advised to submit online applications for the first tranche of wage subsidies of the ESS through the ESS online portal until 11.59pm on June 14 (Sunday).

For enquiries, please send email to enquiry@employmentsupport.hk or call the ESS Hotline (1836 122), for which the operation hours during the application period have been extended to Monday to Sunday from 9am to 6pm.

Applicants who need assistance in completing their online applications may call the above Hotline to make appointments with the three ESS Help Desks at the following locations:

- North Point Help Desk at Room 1701, A T Tower, 180 Electric Road, North Point;
- Kwun Tong Help Desk at Room 2507, Prosperity Center, 25 Chong Yip Street, Kwun Tong; and
- Tsuen Wan Help Desk at Room 1206, Chinachem Tsuen Wan Plaza, 455 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan.

A total of over 15 000 enquiries have been received via the Hotline and email, and about 600 persons have made visits to the three Help Desks today.