

Fees for land survey services to be revised

The Government published in the Gazette today (May 18) the Land Survey (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 to revise fees for services provided under the Land Survey Ordinance (Cap. 473).

The fee items to be revised include:

- (a) inspection of land boundary records;
- (b) supply of copies of plans;
- (c) deposit of land boundary plans and corresponding survey record plans with the Land Survey Authority;
- (d) registration as an authorised land surveyor; and
- (e) renewal of registration as an authorised land surveyor.

"In line with the 'user pays' principle, it is the Government's policy that fees charged by the Government should in general be set at levels adequate to recover the full costs of providing the services. The Government has taken into consideration relevant matters in addition to full-cost recovery, such as the amount of additional revenue that could be generated after the fee revision and the manpower resources required for implementing the fee revision," a spokesman for the Development Bureau said.

"Taking into account the relatively modest magnitude of the increases, and that some of the fees are payable by authorised land surveyors only, it is estimated that the fee revision would have little impact on the daily life of the general public or the general running of business activity." The fees payable under the Land Survey (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 473A) were last revised in 2016.

The Amendment Regulation will be tabled at the Legislative Council on May 23. Subject to approval by negative vetting, the revised fees will come into effect on July 31.