

FS visits Hongkong Post (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, today (June 26) visited the Hongkong Post to learn about the work of Hongkong Post in supporting the implementation of the Cash Payout Scheme.

Accompanied by the Postmaster General, Miss Cathy Chu, Mr Chan toured the General Post Office in Central and talked to staff. He was glad to learn that collection and processing of registration forms by Hongkong Post has been smooth since the first registration day (i.e. June 21). In addition, to facilitate the public and speed up the process, Hongkong Post will arrange designated counters at some post offices, which are selected by more registrants for cheque collection, from July 20.

Mr Chan thanked Hongkong Post's support for the Scheme, including the special arrangement to open about 120 post offices over the territory last Sunday to facilitate the submission of registration forms.

He then proceeded to visit the Data Input Centre in Kowloon Bay established by Hongkong Post for the Scheme. He was briefed on the process of handling registration forms and data input. Before departure, he also toured the Hongkong Post Call Centre which is dedicated to provide public enquiry services (Hotline no. 2908 0080) relating to cheque collection matters of the Scheme.

The Cash Payout Scheme started to accept registration on June 21. Over 4.6 million and about 57 000 registrations were received through banks and Hongkong Post respectively as at today. People who wish to register through Hongkong Post to receive order cheques may submit a paper registration form to drop-box at post offices or mail it to GPO Box No. 182020. Electronic registration forms are also available at the Hongkong Post website. There is no need to submit registration forms in person. These registrants will have to collect the cheque in person later at the chosen post office.

Registration by paper form will be conducted in three batches according to the registrants' year of birth. The first batch (i.e. for persons born in 1955 or before) may submit the forms from June 21. Those submitting registration forms in the first two weeks will receive the payment or notification of cheque collection from July 20 simultaneously. Those submitting electronic registration forms through the Hongkong Post website will also receive cheque collection notification according to the above-mentioned arrangement. For electronic registrations submitted through banks before end of this month, payment will be deposited simultaneously into the bank accounts specified by the registrants from around July 8. For electronic registrations submitted on or after July 1, registrants will receive payment around one week after registration.

Visit the website of the Scheme (www.cashpayout.gov.hk) or call 18 2020 for details of the Scheme.

