## <u>"Hong Kong Guide" and "e-</u> <u>HongKongGuide" 2021 edition published</u> <u>(with photos)</u>

The "Hong Kong Guide" 2021 edition produced by the Lands Department (LandsD) goes on sale today (January 25), while the new electronic map book "e-HongKongGuide" is also available online.

With the theme "Maps in a New Era", the "Hong Kong Guide" 2021 edition introduces some features of digital maps in a new age. Changes in the way of life over time have transformed the practice of asking passers-by for directions into an option of tapping on the search button. Equipped with diverse search functions, mobile maps nowadays encompass a wide array of geographic information. Be it a searching for locations, community facilities, traffic routes or means of public transport, a smartphone in hand enables access to a wealth of information on everyday life at our fingertips, without any need to set foot elsewhere.

The new 432-page "Hong Kong Guide" provides detailed maps of Hong Kong with indexes of streets, places and villages, estates and buildings, schools, public services, and leisure and cultural facilities, as well as information on public transportation. The streets and places and villages indexes can serve as gazetteers for names of streets and geographical places in Hong Kong.

A collection of maps in GeoPDF format, the "e-HongKongGuide" can be read by desktop computers and applications on mobile devices in an offline mode. By using free tools available on the web, users can read coordinates, track positions using a GPS device, search coordinates, search text and information, add personalised images and geographic information, and share them with friends.

The "Hong Kong Guide" 2021 edition, priced at \$93, is available at all LandsD Survey and Mapping (SMO) sales outlets, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Mong Kok Post Office, Kwun Tong Post Office, Tuen Mun Central Post Office, designated local bookstores and the SMO's online map shop (www.hkmapservice.gov.hk). Information on the SMO's sales outlets is available at www.landsd.gov.hk/mapping/en/pro&ser/outlet.htm. For enquiries, call 2231 3187.

The "e-HongKongGuide" is now available for browsing and for free downloading at the LandsD's website (<a href="http://www.landsd.gov.hk/mapping/en/download/ehkg.htm">www.landsd.gov.hk/mapping/en/download/ehkg.htm</a>).





