

[Hong Kong Immigration Department wins Regional Identity Document Awards of the Year of High Security Printing Asia 2019 \(with photo\)](#)

The new Hong Kong Smart Identity Card and the Next Generation Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Electronic Passport (e-Passport) introduced by the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) have won Regional Identity (ID) Document of the Year 2019 of the High Security Printing Asia (HSPA) awards for the Best New ID card and the Best New e-Passport. The awards were presented during a ceremony on November 26 in Yokohama, Japan.

The Regional ID Document Awards aim to promote the best in security printing, system infrastructure and implementation of a government passport, identity or other security card scheme. The award judges comprise professionals of the anti-counterfeiting industries, including the Board of Directors of Reconnaissance International, the conference organiser and publisher of the ID & Secure Document News, a British periodic publication on international news of the latest anti-forgery technologies. The awards have commended the excellence and recognised the distinguished achievement of ImmD in developing the new smart identity card and the new e-Passport.

The new Hong Kong Smart Identity Card and the Next Generation HKSAR e-Passport were launched on November 26 last year and May 14 this year respectively. They are produced under strict control with state-of-the-art security features and sophisticated designs incorporated with a view to safeguarding personal data privacy and better deterring forgeries in the race of today's advancing technologies, providing the public and international communities with greater confidence in the documentation.

ImmD extends its gratitude to the HSPA for bestowing the annual awards on ImmD for its pioneering status in the field of issuing highly secured identity documentation. ImmD will continue to strive for excellence, keep abreast with the times, and make use of technology advancements to issue higher quality personal documentation and deliver better public services to Hong Kong residents.

