

## **Hong Kong residents born in 1985 or 1986 should apply for new smart identity cards on or before March 30**

The Immigration Department (ImmD) today (March 1) reminded Hong Kong residents born in 1985 or 1986 to apply for a new smart identity card in person at a Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre (SIDCC) on or before March 30. The SIDCCs will be open from Mondays to Saturdays, from 8am to 10pm (except public holidays).

To avoid a last-minute rush, eligible applicants are advised to apply for the new smart identity card as early as possible. They may make an appointment booking via the Internet ([www.gov.hk/newicbooking](http://www.gov.hk/newicbooking)), the ImmD mobile application or the 24-hour telephone booking hotline 2121 1234. The ImmD appeals to applicants to pre-fill the application form when making an appointment booking through the Internet or mobile application in order to enjoy a faster registration process.

Eligible applicants may also bring along up to two family members or friends aged 65 or above to replace their smart identity cards together during the same visit to an SIDCC. Applicants should bring along their existing smart identity cards when they proceed to SIDCCs to apply for the new smart identity card.

If eligible applicants are absent from Hong Kong during their call-up period, they can apply within 30 days of their return to Hong Kong.

For details of the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise, please visit the website [www.smartid.gov.hk](http://www.smartid.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline 2824 6111.