

Immigration Department clarifies rumours on Internet

The Immigration Department (ImmD) is aware that there have been rumours on online discussion forums relating to alleged inadequacy of an arrangement on identity cards by ImmD recently. ImmD would like to reiterate that the arrangement aims to provide convenience for residents who have just been granted the right of abode. To avoid hassles for these residents in visiting ImmD offices again to apply for a permanent identity card after acquiring their right of abode through scheduled appointments, ImmD implemented this arrangement to allow them to apply for a permanent identity card at the Registration of Persons Offices immediately after acquiring the right of abode. ImmD would like to reiterate that such an arrangement would not affect the provision of normal identity card service to other residents. Furthermore, ImmD would like to clarify that it is absolutely untrue that a daily quota of 150 is reserved for One-way Permit holders and a daily quota of 150 is reserved for talents and professionals as mentioned in the forums, as there is no such arrangement.