<u>Latest arrangements for Companies</u> <u>Registry's public services</u>

To align with the announcement by the Government yesterday (August 20) to gradually resume the provision of basic public services in a safe and orderly manner to meet the needs of the public and enterprises, the Companies Registry announced today (August 21) that starting from August 24, while maintaining the limited counter services provided currently, it will reopen the Public Search Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The limited opening hours of the Registry will be as follows with effect from August 24:

14/F Public Service Hall at Queensway Government Offices and 12/F, One Kowloon, Kowloon Bay

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm

13/F Public Search Centre at Queensway Government Offices

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 4pm

To achieve social distancing with a view to reducing the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the community, the Registry appeals to people to continue to deliver documents electronically or by post. People should avoid visiting the Registry's office premises unless they require urgent service. The Registry's services for registration of documents and public search services will continue to be provided electronically through the e-Registry (www.eregistry.gov.hk), the Cyber Search Centre (www.icris.cr.gov.hk) and the website of the Registry for Trust and Company Service Providers (www.tcsp.cr.gov.hk).

The waiting time for public services provided at the Registry's offices will be longer as the provision of services has been scaled down. The Registry will also take a longer time to process the documents submitted in hard copy.

Please check the latest announcements on the Registry's website at www.cr.gov.hk for any updates.

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