<u>Latest arrangements on PlanD public</u> <u>services</u>

In view of the severity of the local epidemic situation and special work arrangements for Government employees, the Planning Department (PlanD) announced today (December 1) that the department will provide essential public services only starting from tomorrow (December 2) until December 15.

The Planning Enquiry Counter (PEC) on 17th floor of North Point Government Offices (NPGO) will continue to make available documents required under the Town Planning Ordinance for public inspection, while other counter services will be suspended. Meanwhile, the PEC on the 14th floor of Sha Tin Government Offices will be temporarily closed and no public services will be provided.

In view of the need to reduce people flow and social contacts, the PEC will restrict the number of visitors at any one time. Members of the public are encouraged to make enquiries through the telephone hotline (2231 5000) or email (enquire@pland.gov.hk), and can visit the PlanD's website (www.pland.gov.hk) for general planning information.

District Planning Offices of the PlanD will suspend all fieldwork, including posting of site notices for planning applications. No site notices will be posted for planning applications published during this period. Notices of planning applications will continue to be published in the prescribed newspapers and posted on the Town Planning Board's (TPB) website (<u>www.info.gov.hk/tpb</u>). Members of the public are invited to pay attention to such notices in the newspapers and on the TPB website.

Meanwhile, the receipt and dispatch counter of the department (18/F, NPGO) will continue to maintain basic services during office hours (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

City Gallery will be temporarily closed until further notice. All educational activities and docent services will be cancelled during the closure period.

For enquiries, please call the hotline 2231 5000 during office hours or visit the PlanD's website.