<u>Legal Aid Department adjusts office</u> <u>hours for public services</u>

The Legal Aid Department (LAD) today (March 31) announced that the department will adjust its office hours starting from April 1 (Friday) and will also resume the provision of some basic public services in addition to the continued provision of urgent and essential public services (civil and criminal legal aid application and litigation services) until further notice.

The office hours of the following LAD offices will be from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays):

- Information and Application Services Unit (located on 25/F, Queensway Government Offices (QGO))
- Information and Application Services Unit (located on G/F, Mongkok Government Offices)
- Crime Section (located on 25/F, QGO)
- Civil Litigation Section 1 (located on 26/F, QGO)
- Civil Litigation Section 2 (located on 9/F, QGO)
- Costing Unit and Enforcement Unit (both located on 27/F, QGO)

The office hours of the Shroff Offices (located on 27/F, QGO, and on 3/F, Mongkok Government Offices) will be from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

For enquiries, please contact the following offices during the above office hours: $\hat{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{\in} \mathbf{<}$

- Information and Application Services Unit: 2537 7717 (for civil legal aid services)
- Crime Section: 2867 3139
- Civil Litigation Section 1: 2867 3123
- Civil Litigation Section 2: 2867 4816
- Costing Unit and Enforcement Unit: 2867 3152

Members of the public may visit the department's website (www.lad.gov.hk) for more information or contact the department for enquiries through its 24-hour hotline (2537 7677), email (ladinfo@lad.gov.hk) or fax (2537 5948).