

Majority of applications under Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms processed

In response to media enquiries, a Government spokesman said today (August 19) that amongst some 14 000 applications received under the Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms (the Scheme) under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, over 12 000 applicants have been notified of their vetting results. Over 11 000 applications have been approved so far, involving about \$560 million in subsidies.

The Government is now processing some 2 000 remaining applications involving relatively complicated situations, such as chain operators supplementing or amending information after submission of applications, and the need to verify the bank account information for subsidy transfer in some cases. Depending on the follow-up progress of these cases, it is expected that the vetting work of the Scheme can be largely completed within this month.

In addition, the secretariat has already referred individual suspected cases of fraud to the Police Force for follow-up as appropriate.

Applicants may check the processing progress of their applications online at enquiry.bmpsubsidy.gov.hk. For other enquiries, applicants may call the telephone hotline (1836 188) during office hours (Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm, except public holidays) or send an email to enquiry@bmpsubsidy.hk.