

Over \$150 million disbursed to tourism industry in second round of Anti-epidemic Fund

A spokesperson for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau today (June 12) announced that about 3 400 applications had been approved for disbursement of subsidies totalling over \$150 million under the five tourism industry support schemes in the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, covering travel agents, travel agents' staff, freelance practitioners whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts, hotels and drivers of tour service coaches mainly serving tourists.

As at June 11, under the five support schemes, applications from about 1 500 travel agents and about 13 700 of their staff, about 4 000 freelance practitioners whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts, about 330 hotels and about 3 530 tour service coach drivers had been received.

The spokesperson said that the Government will process the applications as soon as possible to provide eligible applicants with timely financial support. Furthermore, the application period of the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme will close next Monday (June 15).

Details about application and the subsidies of the aforementioned schemes are available at the Tourism Commission's website (www.tourism.gov.hk).