## <u>PlanD to extend special arrangements</u> <u>for provision of public services</u>

In view of the extension of special work arrangements for government employees, the Planning Department (PlanD) announced today (January 5) that the department will extend its special arrangements for provision of public services until further notice and only essential public services will be provided.

The Planning Enquiry Counter (PEC) on the 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 continue to be temporarily closed and no public services will be provided.

In view of the need to reduce flows of people and social contact, 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 routine 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 (TPB)'s website (<a href="www.info.gov.hk/tpb">www.info.gov.hk/tpb</a>). 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 on the 18th floor of NPGO will continue to maintain basic services during office hours (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

The City Gallery will continue to be temporarily closed until further notice. To enable the public to continue to enjoy the services during the closure period, the City Gallery is hosting activities through an online platform. For details, please call the City Gallery at 3102 1242 during office hours or visit the City Gallery's website (<a href="www.citygallery.gov.hk">www.citygallery.gov.hk</a>).

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