

Post-1990 electronic gazette copies available on Hong Kong e-Legislation

The Department of Justice (DoJ) has implemented a project to back capture printed gazettes published before 2000 to facilitate the access to as-made legislation. Over 7 500 electronic copies of Legal Supplements and selected Supplements to the Hong Kong Government Gazette published between 1990 to 1999 are now included in the Hong Kong e-Legislation (HKeL) for public access.

The e-gazette database under the HKeL covers Legal Supplements No. 1 (Ordinances), No. 2 (Subsidiary Legislation, etc), No. 3 (Bills) and No. 7 (Authentic Chinese Texts) as well as Supplement No. 6 (Private Bills only). Users can obtain and download their electronic copies through www.elegislation.gov.hk/gazette. In addition, the electronic copies are also accessible through hyperlinks under the enactment history of a chapter and under the source notes of individual provisions when viewing legislation under the HKeL.

The initiative is to make research into pre-2000 gazettes more convenient, as previously they are only available in printed version and are only accessible in the Hong Kong Central Library.

"It is hoped that the expanded e-gazette database would facilitate academic, legal and policy researches," a DoJ spokesperson said today (March 18).

The DoJ will continue to implement the project by phases to cover further past gazettes published before 1990 in the forthcoming years.