

Registration for Cash Payout Scheme to start on June 21

Registration for the Cash Payout Scheme will start on June 21 (Sunday). The 21 participating banks will start accepting electronic registration from 7am that day. Special arrangements have also been made so that about 1 000 bank branches and 120 post offices across the territory will be open from 9am to 5pm to facilitate the submission of registration forms.

â€‹ A Government spokesman stressed that registering electronically through banks to receive the payment with a sole-name account is the fastest and most convenient, and also the quickest way to receive the payment. Internet banking users only need to provide their local contact number and choose a sole-name account to receive the payment. People who do not have an Internet banking account may register electronically at the websites of the banks by simply providing their local contact number, their bank account number for receiving the payment and the first four alphanumeric characters of their Hong Kong permanent identity card.

â€‹ Payment for electronic registrations submitted through banks from June 21 to 30 will be deposited simultaneously into the sole-name bank accounts specified by registrants from around July 8. There is no need for the public to rush for registration in the first days. For electronic registrations submitted on or after July 1, registrants will receive the payment one week after registration.

â€‹ Apart from one virtual bank (i.e. ZA Bank), all the participating banks will also accept registration by paper form (Form 1). People who do not opt to register online may put completed paper registration forms into drop-in boxes at banks or mail them to GPO Box No. 182020.

â€‹ People who wish to receive the payment by order cheques may submit an electronic registration form at the Hongkong Post website, or put the completed paper registration form (Form 2) into a drop-in box at a post office or mail it to GPO Box No. 182020. Registrants have to collect the cheque in person later at the chosen post office by producing the notification issued by Hongkong Post and their Hong Kong permanent identity card.

â€‹ The Government spokesman reminded the public that registration by paper form will be conducted in three batches according to the registrants' year of birth. The first batch (i.e. for persons born in 1955 or before) may submit the forms from June 21. Those submitting registration forms in the first two weeks will receive the payment or notification of cheque collection from July 20. There is no need to rush for registration during the first days or submit the paper forms in person.

â€‹ The Government held four briefing sessions on June 15 and 18 to

explain details of the Scheme to representatives of about 600 elderly homes, residential care homes for persons with disabilities and non-governmental organisations, especially on how the elderly and people with special needs may register for the Scheme and receive the payment, and the points to note for the organisations in providing assistance to them.

â€‹ The public may visit the website of the Scheme (www.cashpayout.gov.hk) or call 18 2020 for detailed information on the Scheme.