

Revision of fees under Land Survey Ordinance

The Government published in the Gazette today (January 26) the Land Survey (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (the Amendment Regulation) to revise the fees for land survey services provided by the Government in accordance with the established review mechanism.

The fee items to be revised include:

- (a) inspection of land boundary records;
- (b) supply of copies of plans;
- (c) deposit of land boundary plans and corresponding survey record plans with the Land Survey Authority;
- (d) registration as an authorised land surveyor; and
- (e) renewal of registration as an authorised land surveyor.

"The main users of the above-mentioned services are land surveying professionals or authorised land surveyors. Since the last fee revision in 2018, the Government has reviewed the relevant fees in accordance with the established mechanism and 'user pays' principle, and revised them to levels adequate to recover the full costs of providing the services (with fee increases ranging from 4.7 per cent to 17.4 per cent, or from \$9 to \$370). It is estimated that the fee revision would have little impact on the relevant persons. The adjustment would also help restore the relevant fees to the 100 per cent cost recovery rate achieved in the past," a spokesman for the Development Bureau said.

The Amendment Regulation has been published in the Gazette today, and will be tabled at the Legislative Council (LegCo) next Wednesday (January 31). Subject to approval by the LegCo by negative vetting, the revised fees will come into effect on March 31.