

## Crowd management arrangements for the District Court and the Family Court upon re-opening of registries and accounts office on 22 July 2020

In view of the latest public health situation, court/tribunal registries and accounts offices were closed on 20 and 21 July 2020. While registry/accounts office business will generally resume from 22 July 2020, enhanced social distancing and crowd control measures will be implemented to ensure that court business can be carried on safely as circumstances permit.

2. Court users who need to go to the District Court ("DC") and the Family Court ("FC") for court business should pay attention to the following arrangements:

- (a) Registries and accounts office will continue to operate normal operating hours (i.e. from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm from Monday to Friday, except public holidays);
- (b) The capacity of the registry and account services will be generally reduced. For some services, quota may need to be imposed on a daily basis;
- (c) Court users going to the DC and FC registries should access via G/F of the Wanchai Law Courts Building ("WLCB");

- (d) A ticketing system will be adopted. Court users of the DC and FC registries will be required to line up in different queues at designated areas on G/F of the WLCB for tickets;
- (e) Information on ticketing will be provided at the relevant registries and building entrance. The same information will also be available on the Judiciary website; and



(f) Only when it is their turn to be served will ticket holders be allowed entry to the relevant registries. Other ticket holders who are yet to be served should leave and return at a later time.

3. Court users should check the updated information on the Judiciary website (<u>www.judiciary.hk</u>), and follow the instructions of the Judiciary staff and security personnel.

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