

RATES AND/OR GOVERNMENT RENT FOR THE QUARTER
FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2022

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Rating Ordinance (Chapter 116) and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance (Chapter 515), rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from January to March 2022 are due and payable on or before 31 January 2022. Payment can be made:—

- (1) by using autopay, PPS, bank automated teller machines (ATM), Faster Payment System (FPS) or Internet;
- (2) by uploading an e-Cheque/e-Cashier's Order *via* the 'Pay e-Cheque' portal: (www.payecheque.gov.hk);
- (3) by sending a crossed cheque to the Treasury, P. O. Box No. 28000, Gloucester Road Post Office, Hong Kong (please note that mail with underpaid postage will be rejected); or
- (4) in person at any of the post offices or designated convenience stores. For enquiry of the addresses and opening hours of post offices, please call Hongkong Post's enquiry hotline on 2921 2222 or visit their website: (www.hongkongpost.hk).

Demand notes for rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from January to March 2022 have been issued. The demand notes have reflected the rates concession for this quarter, subject to a ceiling of \$1,000 and \$2,000 for each rateable domestic and non-domestic tenement respectively. Any unused portion of the concession in this quarter will not be used to offset the outstanding rates in any other quarters. The concession does not apply to payment of Government rent.

Payers who have not received the demand notes may make enquiry by telephone (2152 0111), by facsimile (2152 0113) or in person at the Rating and Valuation Department, 15th Floor, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon. Payers may also visit the department's website at (www.rvd.gov.hk) to obtain replacement demand notes or enquire the amount payable. For instant payment, payers may obtain payment QR code or FPS payment code from the Account Enquiries service at the website. Payers may present the payment QR code by using mobile devices (e.g. mobile phone or tablet) at any post office, 7-Eleven, Circle K or VanGo in Hong Kong or use any mobile banking app or e-wallet which supports Government FPS bill payments to scan the FPS payment code for payment.

Non-receipt or late receipt of demand note does not alter the requirement that the total amount due must be paid on or before 31 January 2022. A surcharge of 5% under the provisions of the above-mentioned Ordinances will be imposed for late payment. A further surcharge of 10% will be levied on the outstanding amount (including the 5% surcharge) which remains unpaid six months after the last day for payment.

To support environmental protection, payers are advised to utilise our free eRVD Bill service to receive e-bills and make payments. They are also encouraged to settle bills by Autopay or other means of e-payment (e.g. PPS, ATM, Internet or e-Cheque/e-Cashier Order) in order to save queuing time. Application forms for autopay are obtainable from the Rating and Valuation Department, District Offices and major banks in Hong Kong or by telephoning 2152 0111. Payers may also download the form from the Department's website.

7 January 2022

K. Y. SIU *Commissioner of Rating and Valuation*