

## Special Arrangements for Identity Card Application

Under the Registration of Persons Ordinance, Cap. 177, Laws of Hong Kong, persons aged 11 or over who are permitted to stay in Hong Kong for more than 180 days are required to register for HKIC within 30 days of arrival. In order to ensure residents can apply for Hong Kong Identity Card (HKIC) in a smooth and orderly manner, Registration of Persons (“ROP”) Offices will not process applications without appointments. New arrival non-local students are advised to make an appointment for HKIC application via the following channels with form pre-filling services before attending the ROP Offices:

- (i) Online Appointment Booking System ([www.gov.hk/icbooking](http://www.gov.hk/icbooking)); or
- (ii) Immigration Department Mobile Application.

The available booking period of the appointment booking system has been extended to 96 working days. Before making an appointment, applicant may make use of the “Enquiry to the booking status of Registration of Persons Office” to enquire available quota at individual ROP Offices.

For applicants who are unable to apply for HKIC within 30 days of arrival with reasonable excuse (such as failing to make an appointment due to quota full), they will not violate the law. When processing HKIC application in the future, he/she may be required to make a declaration on the reason of late application, and flexible arrangement will be made according to the applicant's situation. Students are reminded not to rush to the ROP Offices to apply for HKIC if they do not have an appointment.

Students holding old form of smart HKIC also need not worry about failure to apply for HKIC replacement due to full booking. The old form of smart HKIC are still valid and the HKSAR Government will closely monitor the progress of HKIC replacement before deciding when to declare the old form of HKIC invalid in the Gazette. If students have an urgent need to replace their HKIC which have been lost, destroyed, damaged or defaced, the ROP Offices will offer assistance based on individual circumstances.