

## **Announcements for Stakeholders about General Adjournment of Court Proceedings from 28 January to 2 February 2020**

The Judiciary has made a public announcement today (January 28) that in view of public health consideration, all hearings of the courts/tribunals originally scheduled from tomorrow (January 29) to February 2 are adjourned. Court/tribunal registries and offices are also closed during this period. Urgent hearings will be dealt with in accordance with the established mechanism.

For urgent matters or hearings before the High Court, the District Court, the Family Court and the Magistrates' Courts, they will continue to be dealt with by the duty Judge or Judicial Officer. For the Magistrates' Courts, these refer to applications for mental health and urgent applications for search warrants.

For all fresh remand cases for the Magistrates' Courts during this period, they will be heard at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts on January 30 (Thursday), and at the three Saturday Sitting duty Magistrates' Courts, namely Eastern, Kowloon City & Shatin Magistrates' Courts, on February 1 (Saturday).

Having regard to public health considerations, all who are involved in such court hearings, including the court users, are strongly advised to wear face masks at suitable times, unless otherwise directed by the presiding Judge or Judicial Officer.