



Updates

Land Titles Ordinance

The Land Registry has received views on the new proposal - "Two-Stage Conversion Mechanism" from members of the Land Titles Ordinance Steering Committee (LTOSC) including representatives from the Consumer Council, the Estate Agents Authority, the Heung Yee Kuk, the Hong Kong Association of Banks, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited, the Law Society of Hong Kong, and the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong. Individual meetings have also been held with the major stakeholders for discussion on the proposal. The Land Registry will consolidate views from the stakeholders for further consideration by the LTOSC. Subject to the development of a generally acceptable proposal, it is planned to conduct a public engagement exercise.

In parallel, we are continuing with internal review of the provisions of the Land Titles Ordinance and other preparatory work relating to the Land Titles (Amendment) Bill.

IRIS Enhancements

In the first half of 2012, we have launched a number of customer-friendly enhancements to IRIS Online Services. These enhancements include -

- adding a note to remind users to set the printer orientation to "landscape" mode for printing the land register;
- providing an option for customers to bring forward customer information, e.g. searcher name, contact person, contact phone number, mailing address, fax number and e-mail address to the next transaction;
- enhancing the error messages on various screens to indicate more specifically the required correction by customers; and
- extending the display time of pop-up message in self-service terminals regarding the collection time of the ordered certified land documents.

For registration services, the "despatch letter" for deeds which have been withheld from registration has also been enhanced to facilitate customers to contact our responsible staff directly.

E-Memorial Form

We are encouraged to note that the usage of the e-Memorial Form has continuously exceeded half of the memorials of documents lodged with the Land Registry for registration and it is widely accepted by solicitors' firms.

To further improve user friendliness, we have upgraded the auto-fill function of e-Memorial Form to provide better system resilience and stability. The release has been available for free downloading [here](#) from 5 July 2012. Users are encouraged to download the release for use to enjoy the enhanced service.