



Updates

Land Titles Ordinance

The Land Registry had received comments on the proposal of "Two-Stage Conversion Mechanism" from all members of the Land Titles Ordinance Steering Committee (LTOSC) and had sent to members a summary of the major comments received for their information. Taking into account the comments, the Land Registry has revised the proposal and provided it to members for consideration and discussion at the meeting of the LTOSC held in June 2013.

Subject to progress of the consultation with the major stakeholders, we plan to launch a public consultation exercise on the proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance.

IRIS Enhancements

Between October 2012 and March 2013, we launched a number of enhancements to IRIS Online Services. These enhancements include -

- increasing the upper limit of file size of land records (including land registers, unposted memorial information and land documents) for delivery by "View by Browser" and "By Download" from 4 Mbytes to 10 Mbytes;
- enhancing the "Search Land Register" function:
 - adopting a new, integrated screen design and adding a new "Type of Register" option to facilitate the search of lot registers, subdivision registers or both
 - providing a search of lot registers by House/Building No. and Street Name or Development Name and enhancing the search of lot registers by making use of address information from external sources such as the Rating and Valuation Department
 - displaying both English and Chinese Street Names in the Suggestion List
 - simplifying the method to select Lot, Block and Floor records on various search screens
- providing a new online function for subscribers with supervisor privilege to enquire and resume their Login Identification Code under the same service account and to view the resumption history for the past six months; and
- adding a hyperlink on the IRIS website to the GeoInfo Map service of the Lands Department (www.map.gov.hk) for locating the position of a lot on the map.

Services

Performance Pledges for 2013/14

For 2013/14, the Land Registry has enhanced the service standard for supply of certified copies of land records over the counter and the performance target for simple cases of amendment of registered data as follows:

Service Type	Enhanced Service Standard	Enhanced Performance Target (% meeting target)
1. Supply of certified copies of land records over the counter (a) computerised land registers (b) imaged copies without oversize plans	From 50 minutes to 40 minutes From 50 minutes to 40 minutes	97 97
2. Simple cases of amendment of registered data (i.e. rectification of land registers based on Memorial information)	3 working days	from 92 to 93

The Performance Pledges for 2013/14 were implemented on 1 April 2013. You can view [here](#) or obtain the information leaflets at offices of the Land Registry.



Registration of Licences

The Land Registry has reviewed the practice concerning registration of licences. A Land Registry Circular Memorandum (LRCM) No. 1/13 on registration of licences was issued on 8 February 2013.

Generally speaking, a licence does not create any interest in land and is not an instrument affecting land under the Land Registration Ordinance (Cap 128) if it only amounts to a creation of personal rights between the parties concerned. The Land Registry will not accept such licences (including sub-licences) for registration.

For details, please see the LRCM [here](#).

Sale of Street Index (45th edition) and New Territories Lot/Address Cross Reference Table (14th edition) and Free Online Browsing

The 45th edition of the Street Index and the 14th edition of the New Territories Lot/Address Cross Reference Table (CRT) are available for sale. The order forms can be downloaded [here](#).

The new edition of the Street Index features over 450 amendments with 15 new streets and 32 new lots/sections/subsections added. In the new CRT, over 2,300 amendments have been made and 16 new streets and 1,795 new lots/sections/subsections have been added.

Cost of new editions of the Street Index compact discs and CRT compact disc is HK\$250 each. The respective licence fees are HK\$2,000 for a computer network linked to less than 50 terminals and HK\$4,000 if linked to 50 terminals or more.

To further enhance support to users of the Land Registry's search services, an online version of the new editions of the Street Index and the CRT have been made available for free browsing [here](#) or via a [hyperlink](#) on the IRIS website.

Provision of Free Wi-Fi Service at Land Registry Customer Centre

Members of the public visiting our Customer Centre on 19/F Queensway Government Offices can now use free wireless Internet access services under the GovWi-Fi Programme. Please take a look [here](#) for details of the Wi-Fi coverage.



Activities and Publicity

Launch of Teaching Kit for Liberal Studies

The Land Registry has produced a bilingual teaching kit entitled "Decoding Land Registration". All secondary schools which offer the Liberal Studies subject in the New Senior Secondary Curriculum have been delivered two copies of the kit. Comprising two booklets and a CD-ROM, the teaching kit features the history of land registration, its significance in political, economic, social and cultural development of Hong Kong and the role of the Land Registry to help broaden students' horizons and perspectives.

We are also planning to set up an online resource centre on the Land Registry's website later this year to provide students with a one-stop and an interactive platform for conducting independent study on the subject. The online resource centre will also help teachers to conduct research and collect information for preparing classroom discussions and activities.



Visit by the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tuen Mun)

Two guided tours to the Land Registry's Customer Centre were arranged for students of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tuen Mun) studying "Higher Diploma in Legal and Administrative Studies" on 11 March 2013. During the tours, we explained to students various services provided to the community.



Corporate Citizenship

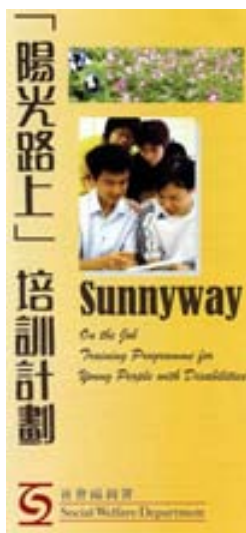
Youth Pre-employment Training Programme

The Land Registry continues to participate in Labour Department's Youth Pre-employment Training Programme, which provides pre-employment and on-the-job training opportunities for young people aged 15 to 24 with educational attainment at sub-degree or below level. We provided training for a trainee from December 2012 to January 2013. Experienced colleagues were assigned as mentors to give the trainee appropriate guidance and training in acquiring job-related skills, building up confidence and developing good work habits.



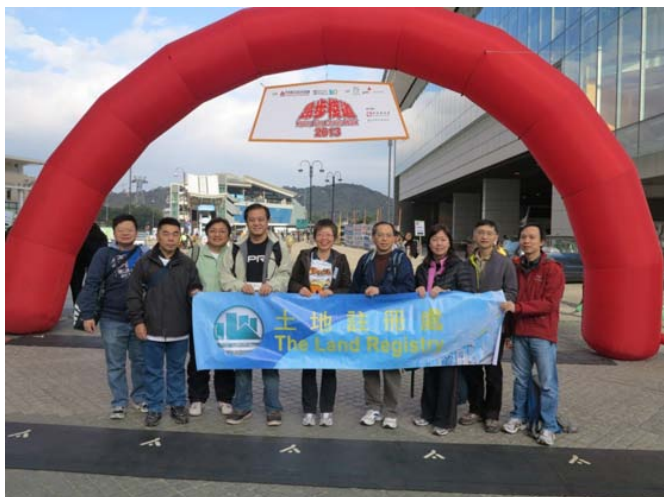
Sunnyway Programme

The Sunnyway Programme is organised by the Social Welfare Department with an aim of enhancing the employability of young persons with disabilities or early signs of mental illness. The Land Registry has participated in the Programme for the sixth year. We offered training placement in our Documents Imaging Centre in Sha Tin to a trainee from March to June 2013. Through working in a real life work environment, with support and guidance from our colleagues, the trainee had the opportunity of gaining work experience and acquiring job-related skills.



Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2013

The Ngong Ping Charity Walk is an event jointly organised by the Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association and Ngong Ping 360 for raising funds for the Association for hostel operations and improvements. The theme of this year was "See the world on backpack, see Hong Kong on trail" for promoting public awareness of environmental protection and heritage conservation. The Land Registry has participated in the event for three consecutive years. Our colleagues joined the "11-Km Walk" on 20 January 2013. The Development Bureau and its departments, including the Land Registry, were awarded the "Most Participated Group Award (Government and Public Organisation)" for two consecutive years.



Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2013

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is a well-known international sports event in Hong Kong attracting many overseas and local participants. It aims at raising funds for the Hong Kong Paralympics Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled. The Land Registry has been participating in the event since 2002. This year, we had a total of 24 colleagues joining the "10-Km Race" on 24 February 2013 and raised a fair sum for charity.



Job Shadow Day 2013

In partnership with the Junior Achievement Hong Kong for the seventh year, the Land Registry organised the Job Shadow Day on 14 May 2013 for 18 students from Buddhist Wai Yan Memorial College and Maryknoll Secondary School. Each pair of students was guided by a workplace mentor in different units of our office. Through this one-day programme, students gained a deeper understanding of the workplace and might start developing their career aspirations.



Awards

Award of 5 Years Plus Caring Organisation Logo

The Land Registry has participated in the Caring Company Scheme for seven consecutive years. To recognise our continuous efforts and contributions in caring for the community, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service awarded the Land Registry the "5 Years Plus Caring Organisation Logo" on 22 January 2013.



ERB Manpower Developer Award

The Employees Retraining Board (ERB) launched the "ERB Manpower Developer Award Scheme" in 2009. The Land Registry participated in the Scheme for the first time in 2012. In recognition of its achievements in manpower training and development, the Land Registry has been accredited as "Manpower Developer" for two years from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015. The award presentation ceremony was held on 25 April 2013.



Land Registry Best Frontline Staff Award

The objective of the Best Frontline Staff Award is to recognise the exemplary performance of our frontline staff. Winners of the award for the second half year of 2012 are as follows:

Award	Second half year of 2012
Team Award	 Search Services Section
Individual Award	 Miss YAN Yee-mei, Gloria, Assistant Clerical Officer / Document Processing Section

Best Staff of the Year Award

(From left to right) Congratulations to Mr WAI Chiu-hung (Search and Departmental Services Division), Mr CHUNG Chi-kwong (General Support Services Division) and Ms CHOI Sui-fun (Information Technology Management Division) for winning the Land Registry Best Staff of the Year Award in 2012. This annual award aims to motivate and give recognition to staff for their remarkable contributions to the Department.

