

For Information

Panel on Security of the Legislative Council

**Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)
Identity Card Project: Progress Report**

Purpose

This paper updates Members on the progress of the HKSAR Identity (ID) Card Project.

Progress of the ID Card Replacement Exercise

2. The replacement exercise has been making good progress since August 2003 and we are now in the midst of the second cycle of the exercise. The third cycle, applicable to persons born in 1952 to 1957 and cross-boundary drivers, will commence on 27 September 2004. As at mid-June 2004, the Immigration Department (ImmD) has received 1.1 million applications for ID cards under this exercise.

Revised Programme for the Replacement Exercise

3. The original programme of the replacement exercise (**Annex A**) comprises 28 phases in eight cycles and covers the period from August 2003 to June 2007. Taking into account the experience gained from the replacement exercise so far and the actual turnout rates, ImmD has revised the programme from the fourth cycle, i.e. Cycle D, onwards. The revised programme at **Annex B** has the following features:

- (a) the completion date of the replacement exercise will be advanced by three months from end-June 2007 to end-March 2007;
- (b) certain age groups are combined in order to achieve fewer cycles and phases (for example, people born in 1947 to 1949 are grouped into one phase); and

(c) there are slight adjustments to meet the needs of specific age groups (for example, people of schooling age are arranged to apply for ID cards during the summer vacation).

4. The revised programme will result in savings of around \$36 million on staff costs and overheads in maintaining the nine Smart ID Card Centres.

5. Notwithstanding the advancement of the completion date of the replacement exercise, the standard of service to the public will not be affected. The daily quota of 6 350 for the nine Smart ID Card Centres will remain unchanged. Applicants can normally complete the application procedures within the pledged time of 60 minutes.

Publicity

6. Information on the replacement exercise will continue to be disseminated through posters, leaflets, short videos, press advertisement, Announcements of Public Interest on radio and television, the Immigration Department's telephone enquiry system and homepages. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas and in Guangzhou and the Beijing Office will disseminate the above information to Hong Kong residents living outside Hong Kong.

Public Feedback

7. Since the commencement of the exercise, we have received encouraging and favourable feedback from the public, particularly on the state-of-the-art design of the smart ID cards and the comfortable environment at the Smart ID Card Centres, etc.

8. Rated in terms of the project's technical proficiency, impact on the cardholders and volume of cards issued, Hong Kong smart ID card project was awarded the Card Technology Breakthrough Award in the implementation category by the Card Technology Magazine in 2004.

Security Bureau

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Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise (2003-2007)

Annex A

Cycle	Phase	Year of Birth	Age (note 1)	Designated Period for Replacement (note 2)	
A	1	The Chief Executive	-	Mon 18 Aug 03	to Sat 15 Nov 03
		Members of the Executive Council & the Legislative Council	-		
		Principal Officials appointed pursuant to a nomination under Article 48(5) of the Basic Law	-		
		Members of the Immigration Service	-		
		Police Officers Labour Inspectors	-		
		1968-69	34-35	Mon 15 Sep 03	to Sat 15 Nov 03
A	2	1966-67	36-37	Mon 17 Nov 03	to Sat 10 Jan 04
A	3	1964-65	38-39	Mon 12 Jan 04	to Sat 13 Mar 04
B	4	1962-63	40-41	Mon 15 Mar 04	to Sat 22 May 04
B	5	1960-61	42-43	Mon 24 May 04	to Sat 24 Jul 04
B	6	1958-59	44-45	Mon 26 Jul 04	to Sat 25 Sep 04
C	7	1956-57	46-47	Mon 27 Sep 04	to Sat 27 Nov 04
		cross-boundary drivers	-		
C	8	1954-55	48-49	Mon 29 Nov 04	to Sat 22 Jan 05
C	9	1952-53	50-51	Mon 24 Jan 05	to Sat 12 Mar 05
D	10	1950-51	52-53	Mon 14 Mar 05	to Sat 30 Apr 05
D	11	1948-49	54-55	Mon 2 May 05	to Fri 10 Jun 05
D	12	1970-71	32-33	Mon 13 Jun 05	to Sat 6 Aug 05
E	13	1972-73	30-31	Mon 8 Aug 05	to Fri 30 Sep 05
E	14	1974-75	28-29	Mon 3 Oct 05	to Sat 19 Nov 05
E	15	1976-77	26-27	Mon 21 Nov 05	to Sat 7 Jan 06
E	16	1978-79	24-25	Mon 9 Jan 06	to Sat 25 Feb 06
F	17	1980-81	22-23	Mon 27 Feb 06	to Sat 8 Apr 06
F	18	1982-83	20-21	Mon 10 Apr 06	to Fri 19 May 06
F	19	1984-85	18-19	Mon 22 May 06	to Sat 24 Jun 06
G	20	1945-47	56-58	Mon 26 Jun 06	to Sat 5 Aug 06
G	21	1942-44	59-61	Mon 7 Aug 06	to Sat 9 Sep 06
G	22	1939-41	62-64	Mon 11 Sep 06	to Sat 14 Oct 06
G	23	1936-38	65-67	Mon 16 Oct 06	to Sat 18 Nov 06
G	24	1933-35	68-70	Mon 20 Nov 06	to Sat 23 Dec 06
H	25	1928-32	71-75	Wed 27 Dec 06	to Sat 10 Feb 07
H	26	1923-27	76-80	Mon 12 Feb 07	to Sat 17 Mar 07
H	27	1990-91	12-13	Mon 19 Mar 07	to Sat 21 Apr 07
H	28	1922 & before	81 & over	Mon 23 Apr 07	to Sat 30 Jun 07
		1992, 1997 & after	11 & below		
				Mon 18 Aug 03	to Sat 30 Jun 07

Note : (1) The age is calculated as at year 2003.

(2) The designated period for replacement is for indicative purpose only. The dates may be adjusted in the light of actual experience.

Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise (Cycle D - F) (2005 to 2007)

Annex B

Cycle	Phase	Year of Birth	Age (note 1)	Designated Period for Replacement (note 2)	
D	10	1950-51	52-53	Mon 14 Mar 05	to Sat 23 Apr 05
D	11	1947-49	54-56	Mon 25 Apr 05	to Sat 18 Jun 05
D	12	1943-46	57-60	Mon 20 Jun 05	to Sat 6 Aug 05
D	13	1970-71	32-33	Mon 8 Aug 05	to Sat 24 Sep 05
D	14	1972-73	30-31	Mon 26 Sep 05	to Sat 12 Nov 05
E	15	1974-75	28-29	Mon 14 Nov 05	to Sat 24 Dec 05
E	16	1976-77	26-27	Wed 28 Dec 05	to Sat 11 Feb 06
E	17	1978-79	24-25	Mon 13 Feb 06	to Sat 25 Mar 06
E	18	1980-82	21-23	Mon 27 Mar 06	to Sat 27 May 06
E	19	1983-85	18-20	Mon 29 May 06	to Sat 8 Jul 06
E	20	1990-92 1997 & after	11-13 6 & below	Mon 10 Jul 06	to Sat 2 Sep 06
F	21	1927 & before	76 & over	Mon 4 Sep 06	to Sat 11 Nov 06
F	22	1928-32	71-75	Mon 13 Nov 06	to Sat 23 Dec 06
F	23	1933-37	66-70	Wed 27 Dec 06	to Sat 10 Feb 07
F	24	1938-42	61-65	Mon 12 Feb 07	to Sat 31 Mar 07
				Mon 14 Mar 05	to Sat 31 Mar 07

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