

# Briefing Session on Electronic Filing via the integrated Court Case Management System and New Requirement of Providing Electronic Copy

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# Briefing Session on Electronic Filing via the integrated Court Case Management System ("iCMS")

25 June 2025

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## Agenda

- 1. Brief introduction of the iCMS
- 2. New filing requirement upon rollout of iCMS external functions for the High Court ("HC") selected case types
- 3. Brief introduction of the Judiciary's dedicated webpage on e-Courts
- 4. Walkthrough on key iCMS electronic filing functions
- Q&A session

# 1. Brief introduction of the iCMS

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#### The iCMS

- A web-based e-system developed by the Judiciary and designated by the Chief Justice to facilitate the use of electronic technology in the e-Courts
- Judiciary's ultimate goal is to use the iCMS for replacement of the conventional paper mode as the primary litigation system. The Judiciary intends to start mandating the use of the iCMS for all legally represented litigants in respect of the relevant case types as from 2026

# Advantages of using the iCMS

- Provide flexibility of conducting electronic transactions with the Court anytime and anywhere
- Save costs and promote efficiency such as saving the printing cost and travelling time and expenses
- > Save manpower and facilitate better deployment of resources
- Enjoy 20% fee concession on fee items which are primarily or directly related to electronic handling of court documents

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# Key electronic services under the iCMS

- Send and receive court documents
- Inspect or search filed documents
- Search cause books
- Make electronic payments different electronic payment options:
  - (1) Online credit cards
  - (2) PPS Shop&Buy Service ("PPSB")
  - (3) Deposit Account (new electronic payment option)

## Registration

- Registration for iCMS accounts to use its full services
- ➤ Unregistered users may only use certain services, e.g. search electronic documents that may be inspected by the public

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# **Phased implementation**

#### > Phase 1

- District Court ("DC") civil proceedings incrementally from May 2022
- Summons Courts of Magistrates' Courts ("MCs") since December 2022.

#### Phase 2

- Bulk claims of Small Claims Tribunal since October 2024
- Civil proceedings of HC starting from June 2025
- Court of Final Appeal, criminal proceedings of HC and DC, and non-Summons Courts of MCs incrementally afterwards

### Implementation of iCMS external functions for HC

- ➤ iCMS external functions for HC are targeted for production launch by phases starting from 30 June 2025
- ➤ The first case type to be rolled out is Civil Appeal ("CACV")
- The tentative implementation timeline of another 10 selected HC case types:

August 2025	Commercial Action ("HCCL")
	Intellectual Property Case ("HCIP")
	Construction and Arbitration Proceedings ("HCCT")
October 2025	Personal Injuries Action ("HCPI")
December 2025	Civil Action ("HCA")

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## Implementation of iCMS external functions for HC

By phases	Probate Action ("HCAP")
starting from	Miscellaneous Proceedings of the Court of Appeal ("CAMP")
2026	Magistracy Appeal ("HCMA")
	Miscellaneous Proceedings (Criminal) ("HCCP")
	Intended Action ("HCZZ")

# 2. New filing requirement upon rollout of iCMS external functions for HC selected case types

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# New filing requirement at the registries

- The e-Practice Direction for HC will require a party who files or submits a document in the **conventional paper mode** to provide to the Court at the time of making the filing or submission an electronic copy of the document in USB mass storage device(s) or portable hard disk(s) with USB interface
- Parties including law firms are required to produce electronic copy for HC case types that are already iCMS-enabled

Step 1: pay filing fee at HC Accounts Office to receive a franked document

Step 2: scan the franked document outside the court premises through your own means



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# New filing requirement

Step 3: bring along the USB device(s) containing the scanned document to the Resource Centre for Unrepresented Litigants at LG1/F of the HC Building, and use the self-service kiosks therein to upload the scanned document image





- ➤ The "Scan Document" function is for litigants-in-person ONLY
- ➤ Insert USB drive to import files



New filing requirement

> Select the file to be uploaded and press "PREVIEW"



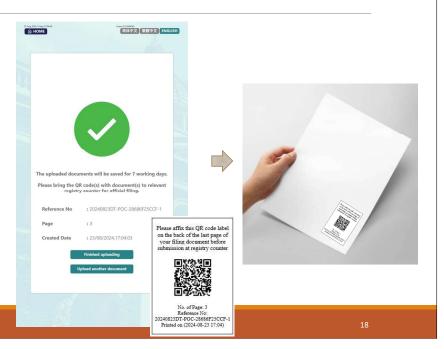
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# New filing requirement

Generate QR code for affixing to the last page of the paper document



Step 4: bring the document with the affixed QR code to the relevant registry for filing/submission

#### Registry Counter





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# New filing requirement

- ➤ The scanned/e-copy of documents must be identical with the physical documents
- Filers have to visit other HC offices as appropriate before scanning the originating documents, e.g.
  - Accounts Office (franking payments)
  - Listing Office (scheduling hearings)
  - Oaths and Declarations Office (administering affidavits/ affirmations), etc.

- Legal representatives will likely have to return to their office for scanning the franked/signed originating documents and saving the images into the USB device(s) before uploading them via the kiosks
- They have to make **two or more trips** to HC to complete the filing process
- Law firms are therefore **encouraged to use the iCMS** instead of the conventional mode

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# **Appeal for support**

- To improve efficiency and enjoy the convenience of electronic filing, we appeal law firms to:
  - o register for the iCMS Organisation Accounts (if not yet done so)
  - o make wider use of the iCMS for different electronic services in particular following the rollout of iCMS external functions for selected case types of HC
- This is the last transitional step towards the mandatory use of the iCMS as from 2026

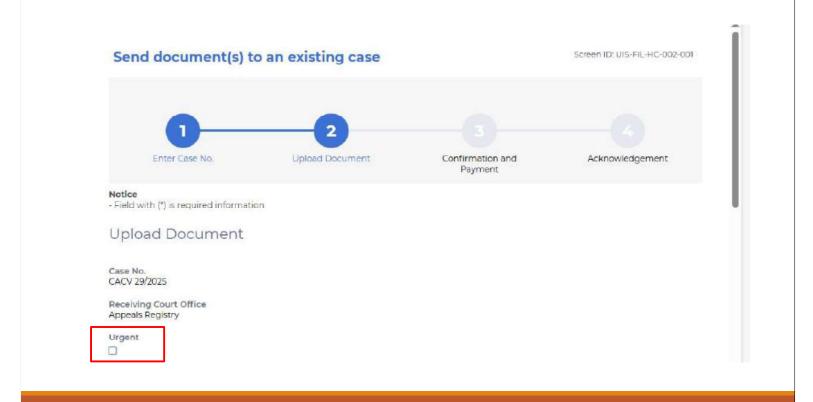
# **Appeal for support**

- In conjunction with the Law Society of Hong Kong, a new Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") programme is implemented to encourage practitioners to learn the requisite skills in using the iCMS to conduct electronic filing and to prepare for the forthcoming mandatory use of the iCMS
- Page 2025 Practitioners will be permitted to claim two CPD points. We appeal to the legal practitioners to take part in this CPD programme

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# Points to note when using the iCMS

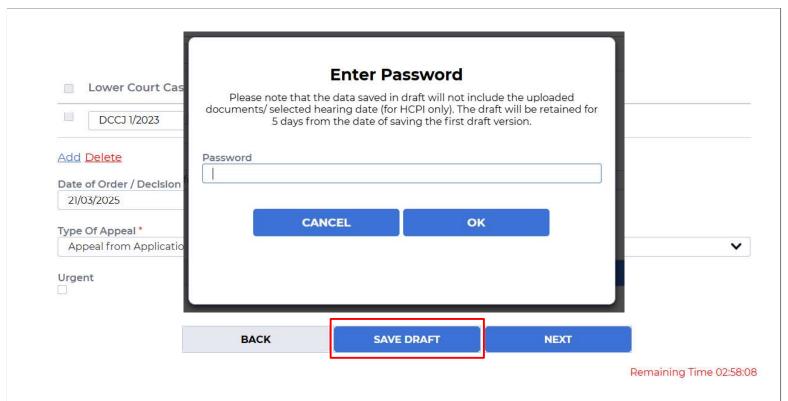
- 1. Computation of filing date/time
- If the e-filing is submitted during office hours of the Registry, the filing date/time should be the same as the submission date/time of the e-filing. If the e-filing is submitted outside office hours, the filing date/time is counted as the next opening of the Registry
- 2. Handling urgent electronic filing in iCMS?
- Take application for an appeal (CACV) to be heard urgently as an example, you may tick the "Urgent" checkbox and upload the certificate of urgency



# Points to note when using the iCMS

- 3. Do not upload your own copy of case originating document
- In order to commence a new case via the iCMS for the selected case types in the HC, you have to input the relevant case data in the efillable forms to generate the case originating document in a standard format. You are not allowed to upload your own scanned copy
- 4. Preparing the originating document by the solicitor's assistant/clerk
- The Organisation User ("OU") (clerk) can input the case details and use the save draft function. The OU (solicitor) can retrieve the document and perform the e-signing by typing his/her name for e-filing

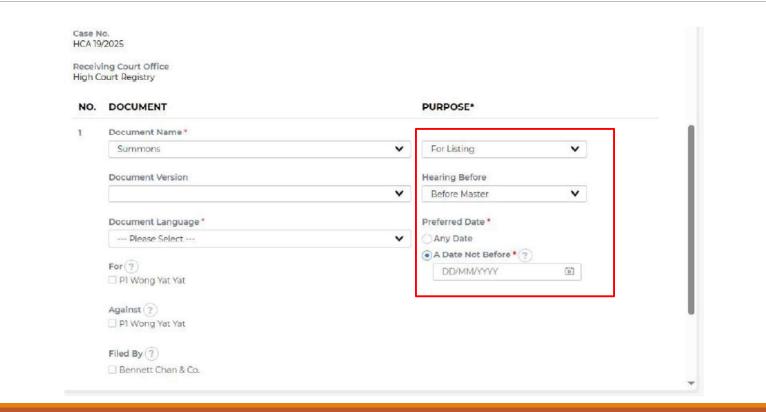
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# Points to note when using the iCMS

- 5. Scheduling of hearing dates
- You can indicate your preferred hearing dates when filing a document with its "Purpose" selected as "For Listing". The listing officer will take into account your preference when scheduling a hearing date. However, the indicated preferred hearing date is for the Listing Officer's reference only. The Court will schedule the hearing based on the Court's availability

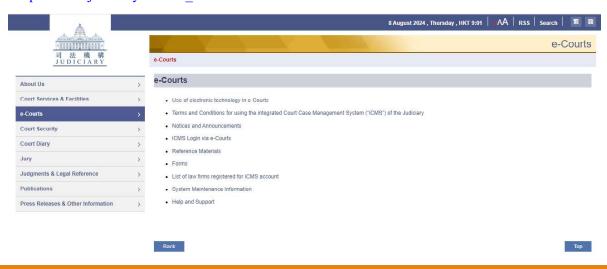


3. Brief introduction of Judiciary's dedicated webpage on e-Courts

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# Dedicated webpage on Judiciary's website

https://www.judiciary.hk/en/e courts/index.html

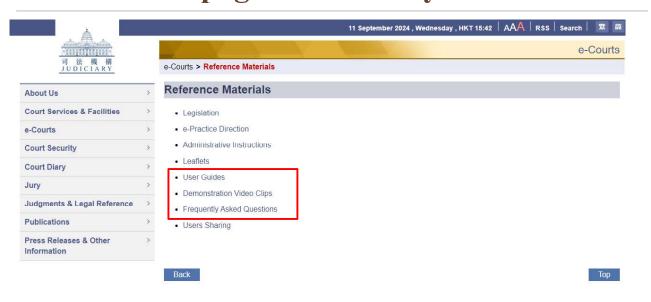


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# Dedicated webpage on Judiciary's website



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#### **Useful information**

- Legislation, e-Practice Directions, administrative instructions, implementation notices, leaflets, user guides, demonstration video clips, frequently asked questions, users sharing, list of law firms registered for iCMS account, etc.
- Help and support services, including technical and general hotlines and Help Centre

#### **Useful information**

Demonstration video clips and promotional leaflets on the new filing arrangement (including the detailed workflow of using selfservice kiosks) can be found at the dedicated webpage

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# List of law firms registered for iCMS account

We have promulgated the list of registered law firms for iCMS Organisation Account since December 2023 with a view to encouraging registration from the legal profession



# 4. Walkthrough on key iCMS electronic filing functions

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5. Q&A session

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# Walkthrough on Key iCMS External Functions

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# **Judiciary Web Portal**



**②** iCMS Login 

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11 July 2024, Thursday HKT 08:53

Welcome to Judiciary Web Portal! You can access the services of the integrated Court Case Management System ("iCMS") in this portal.



Book/Register of Claims Conduct Document Reference Number Checking

Verify Document Image Make Electronic Payment iCMS services for non-registered users (i.e. login is not required)

Time

Important notices (e.g. system maintenance notices) are shown in this table

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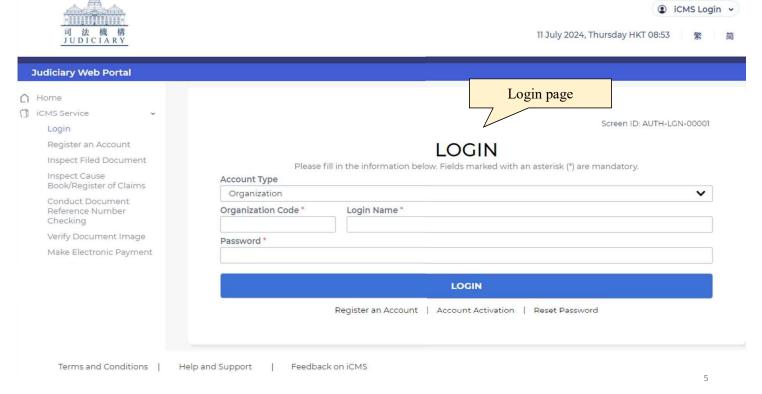
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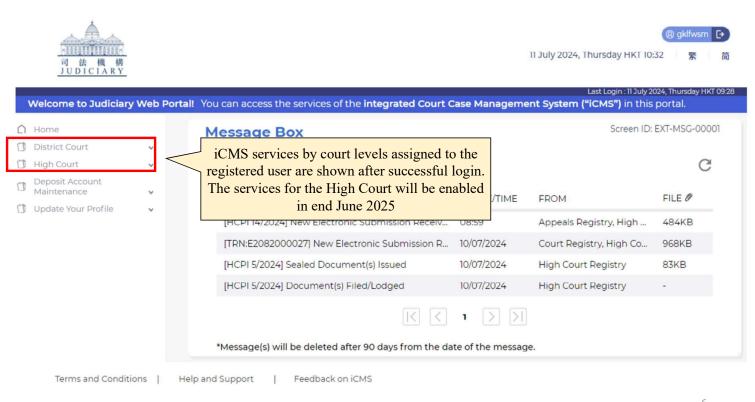
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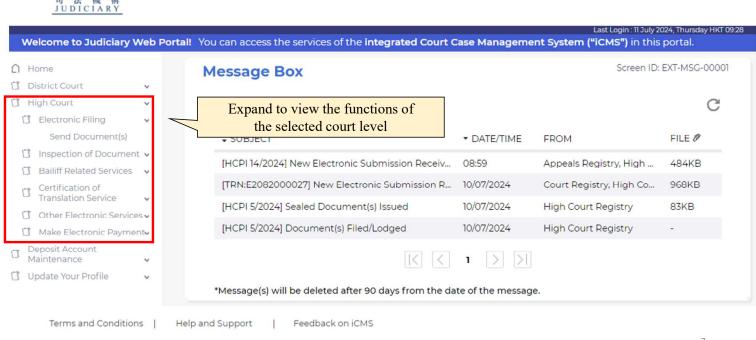


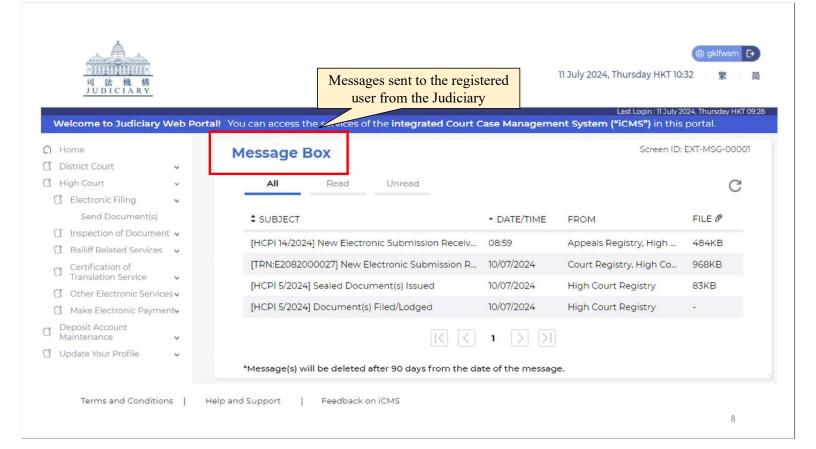






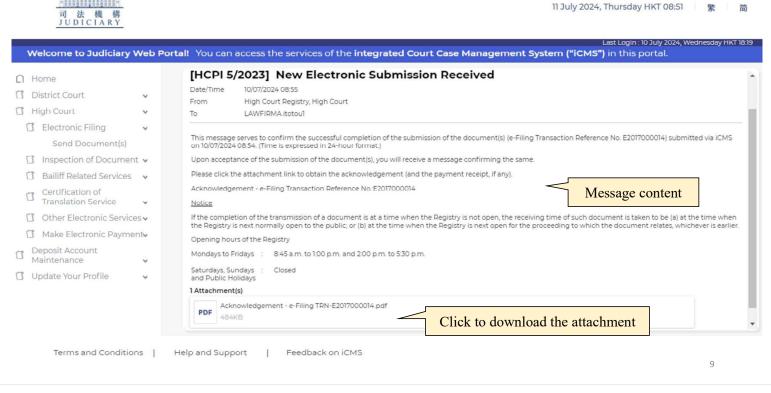
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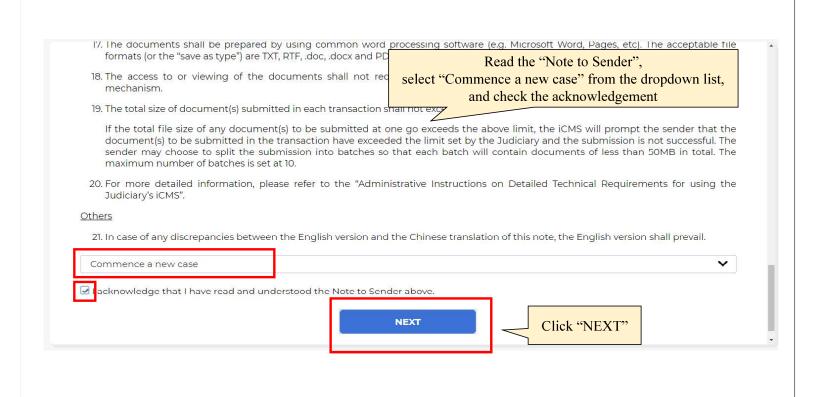


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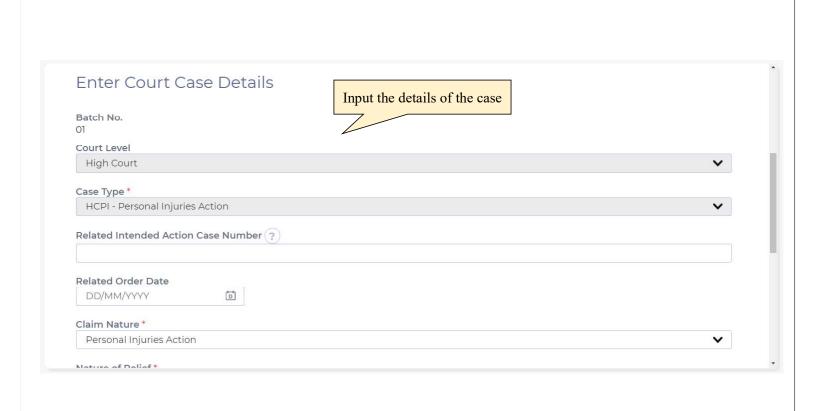


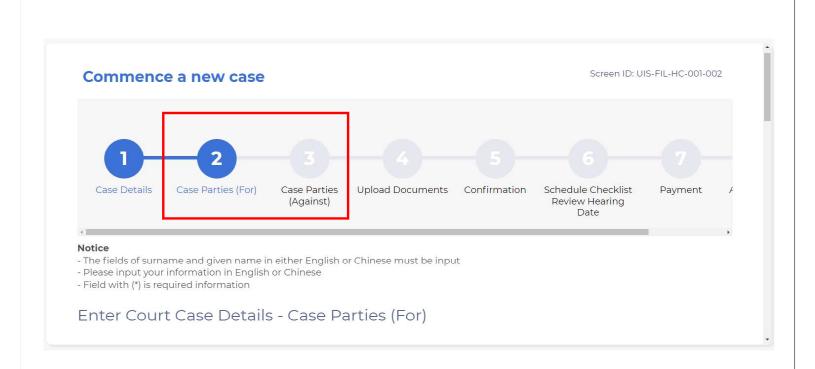


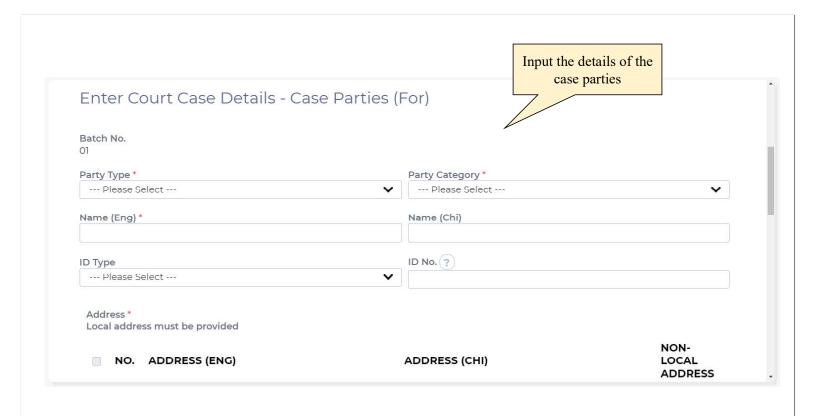


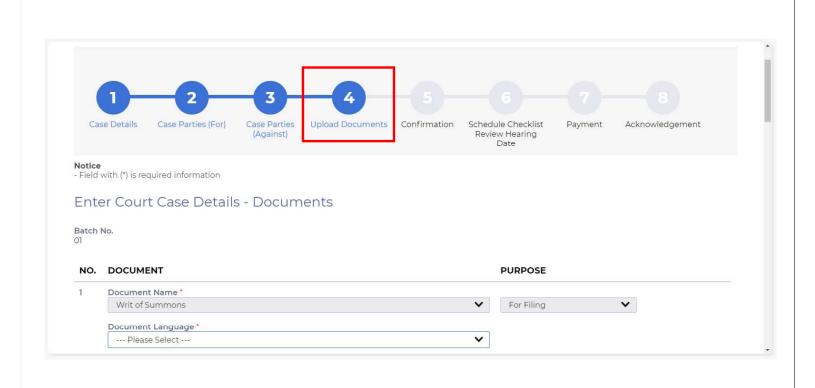


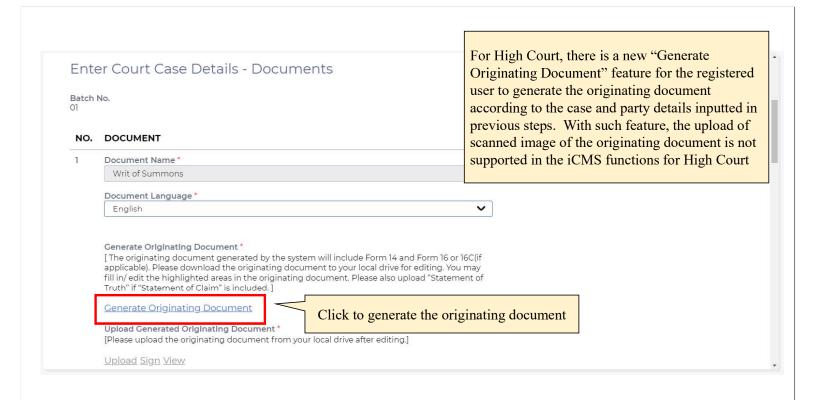


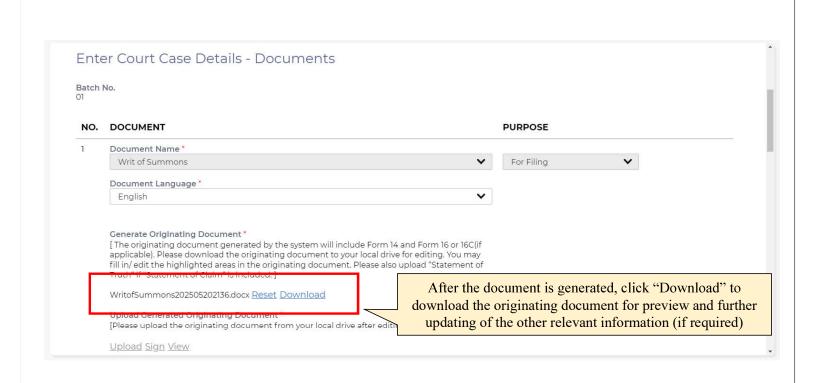


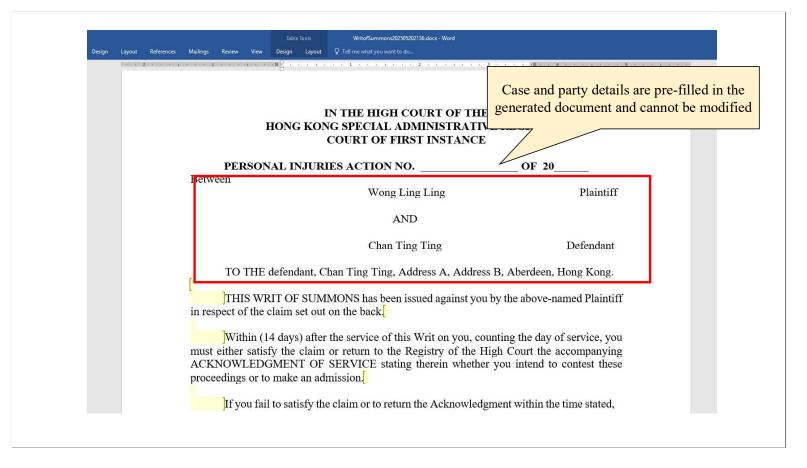


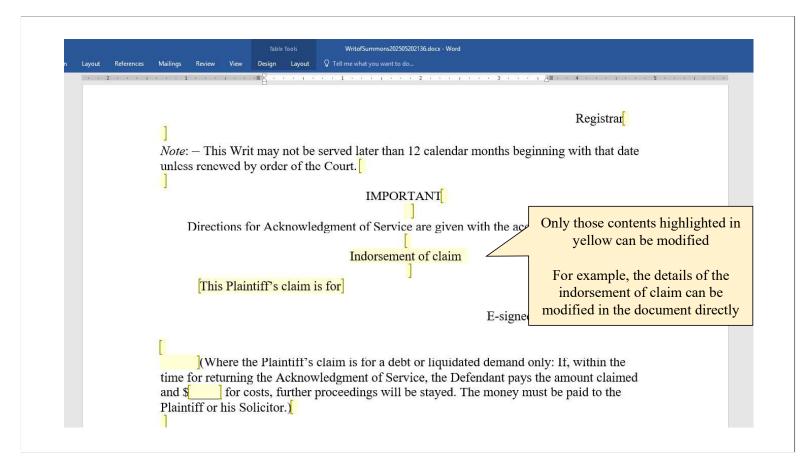


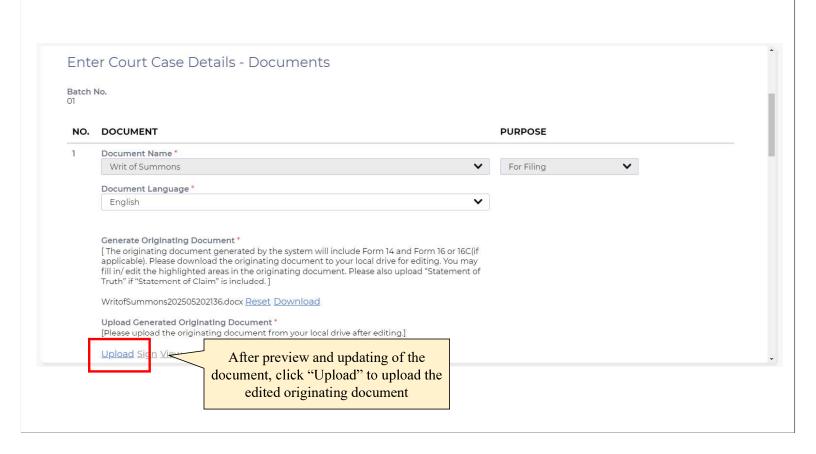


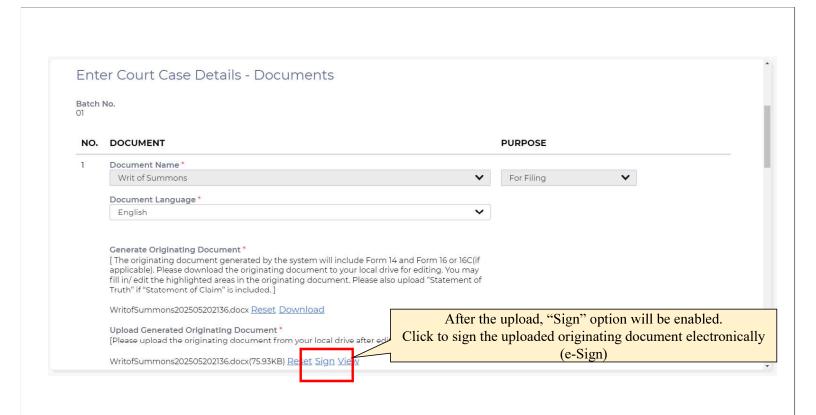


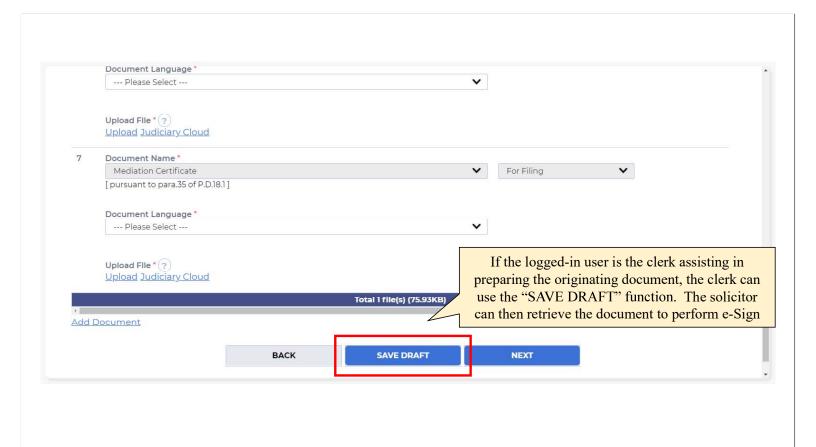




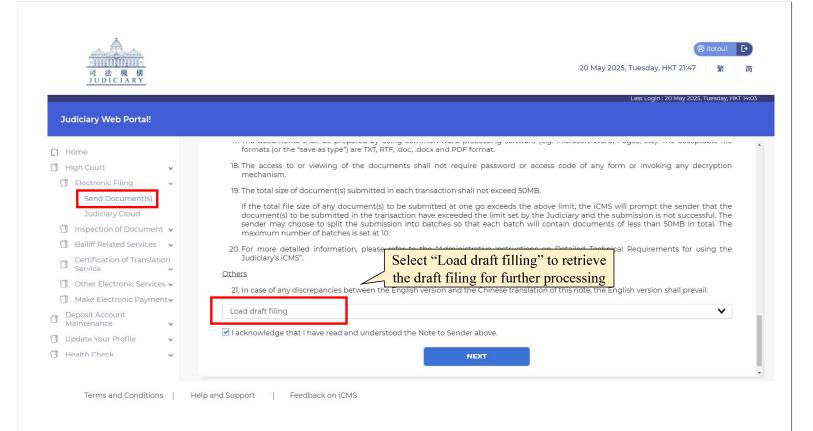






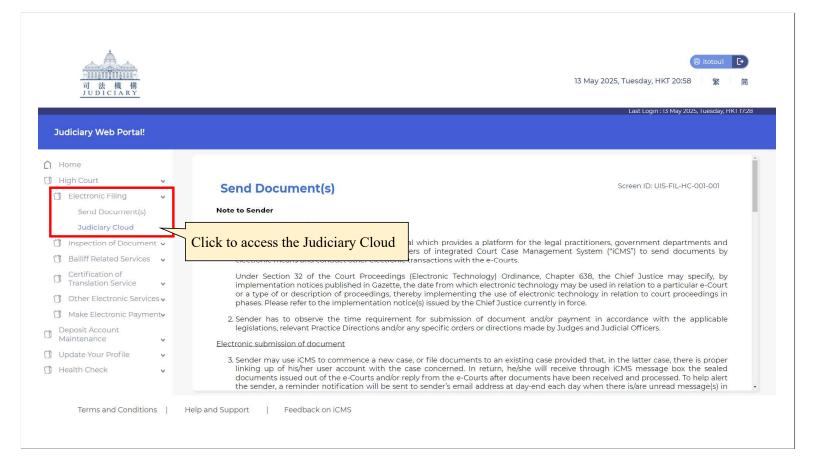


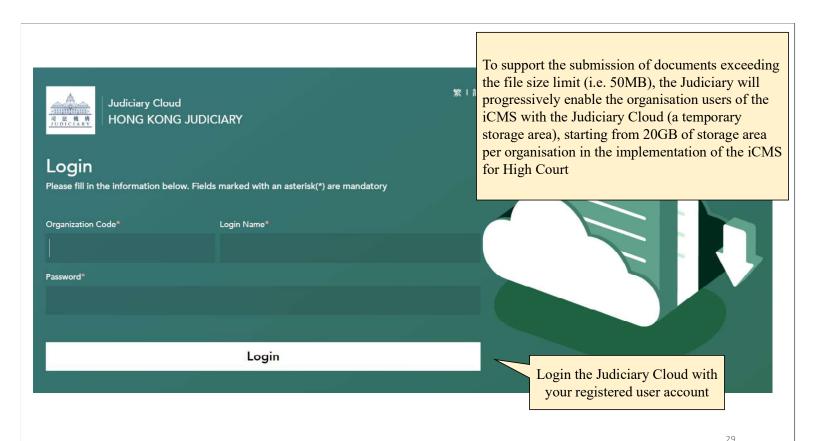


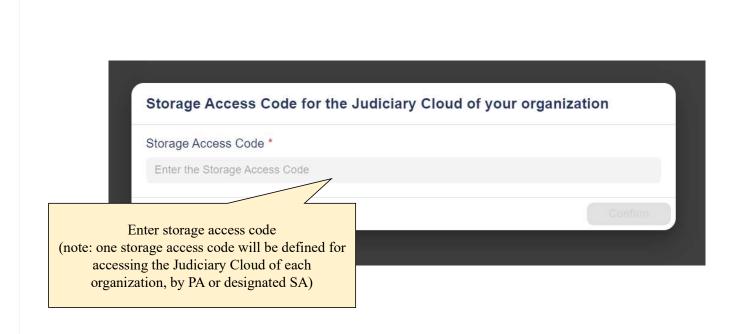


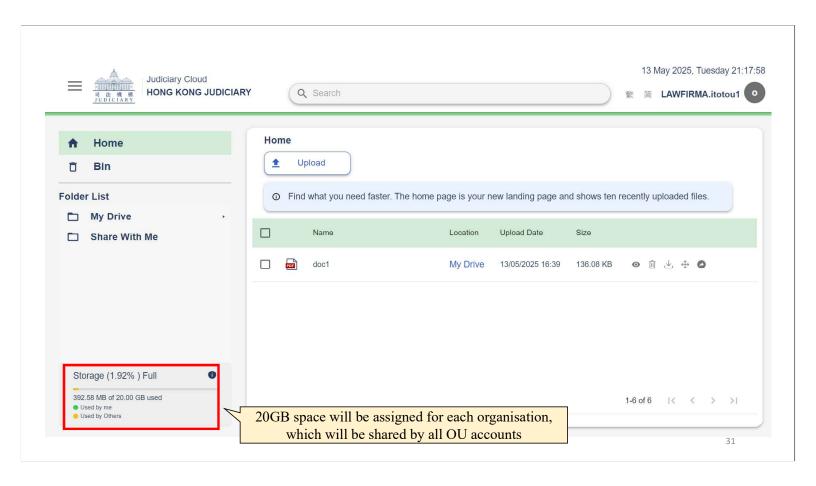
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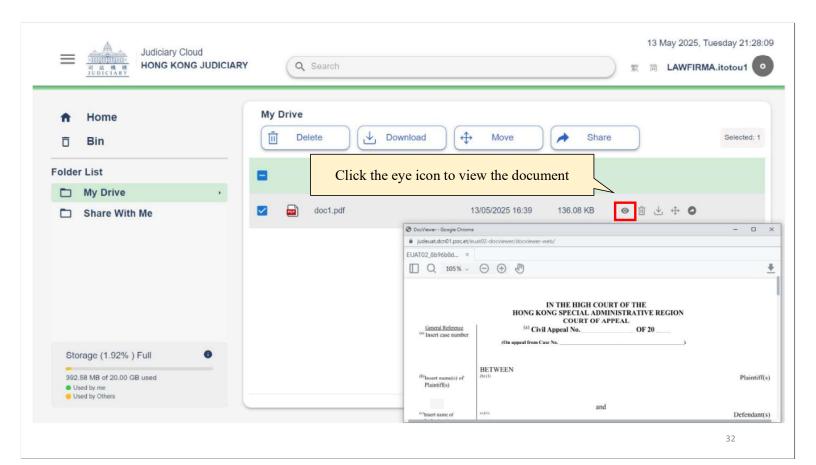
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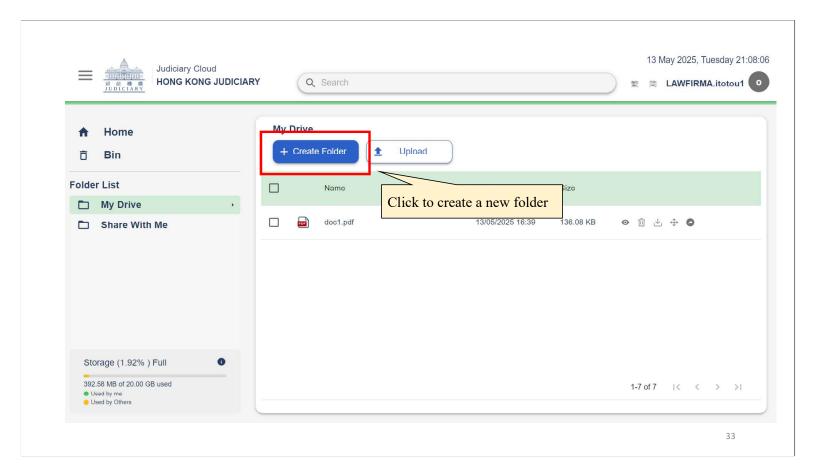


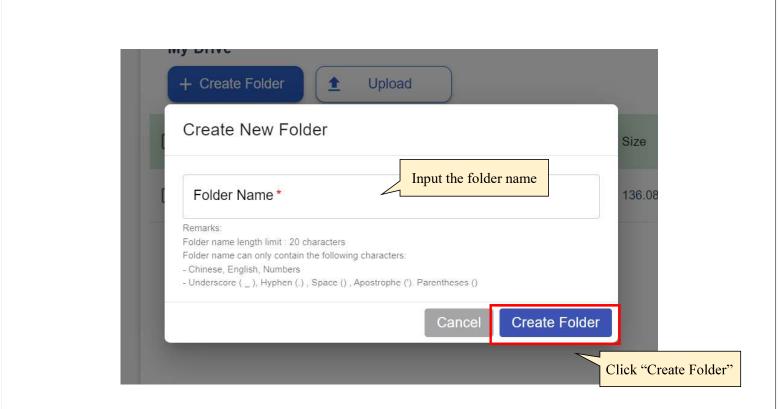


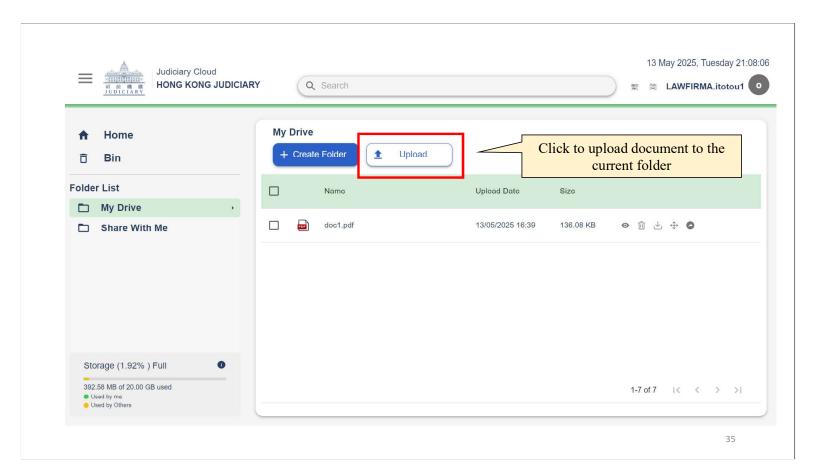


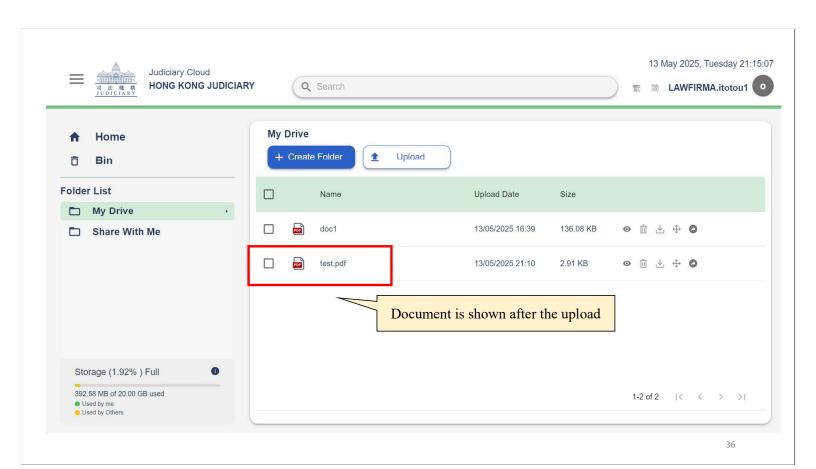


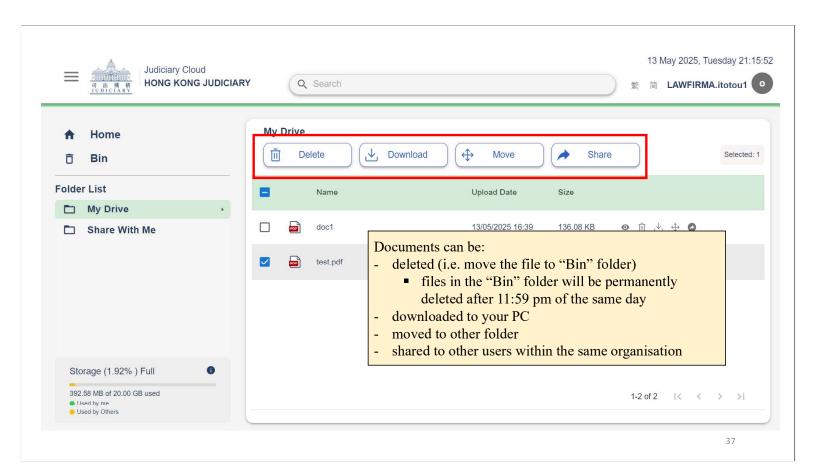


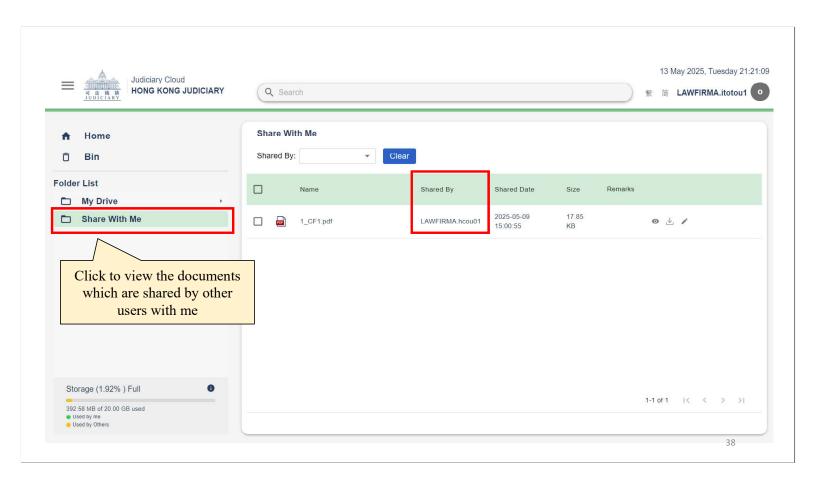






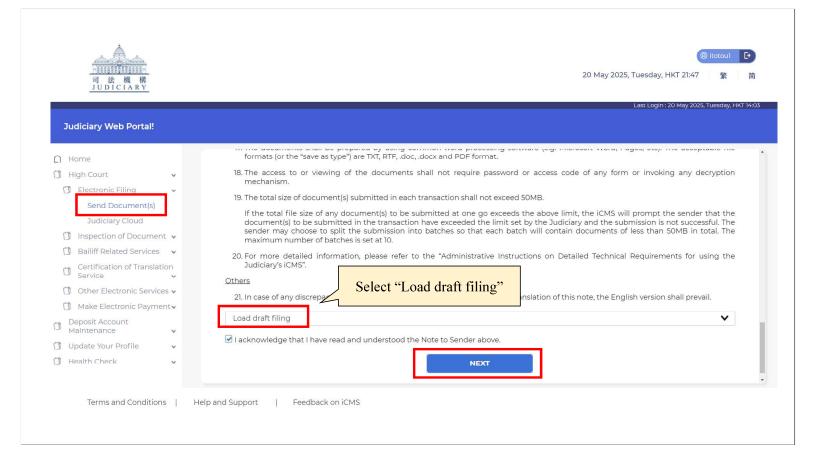




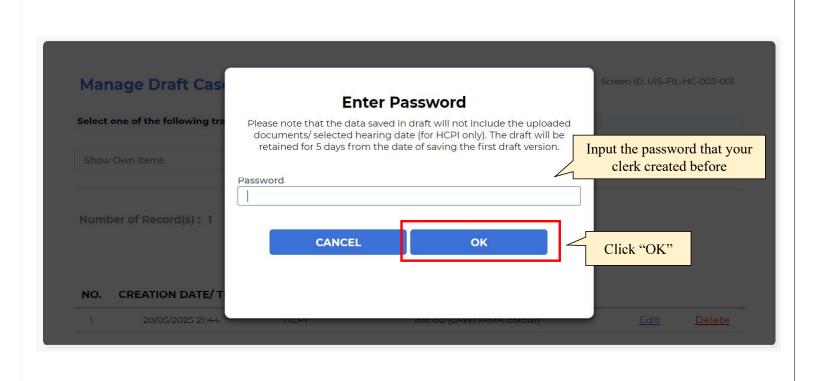


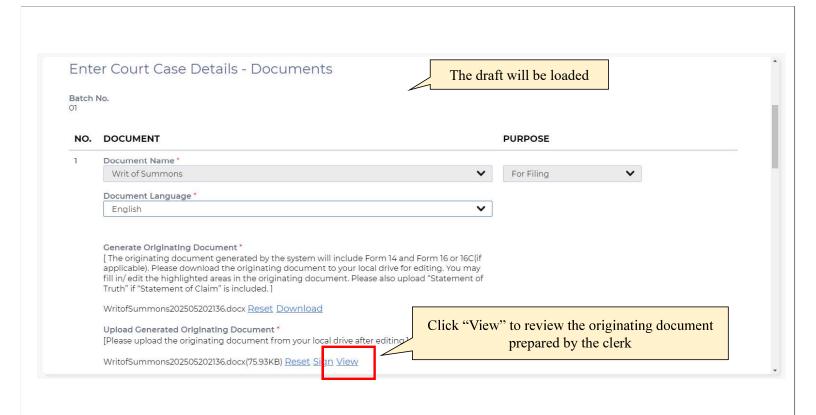
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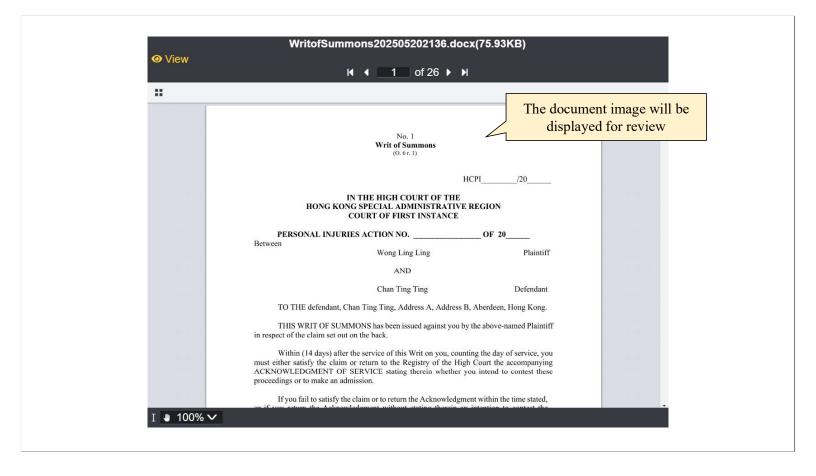
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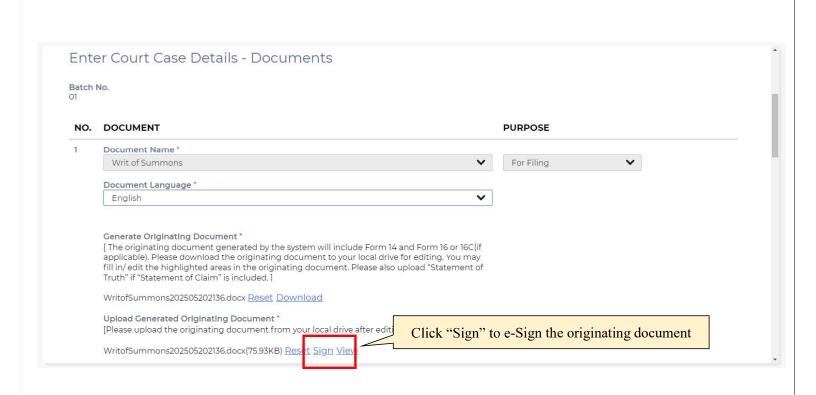




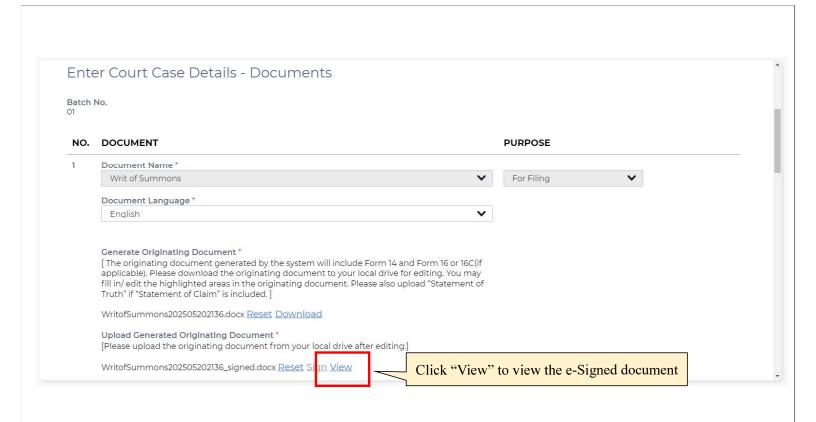


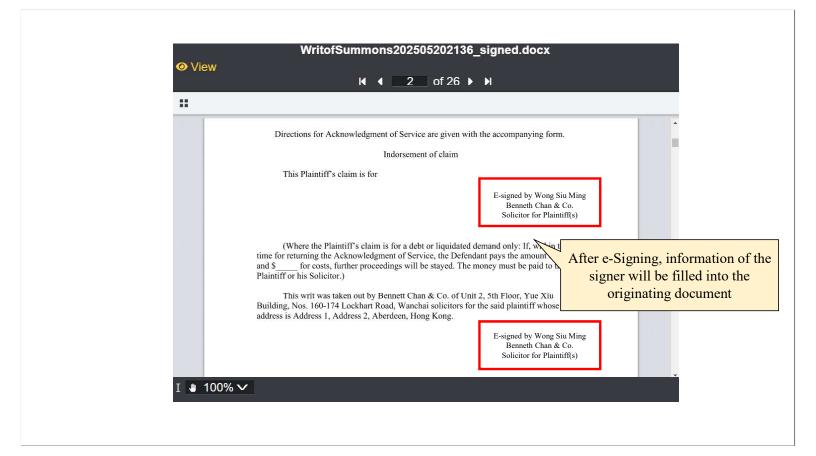




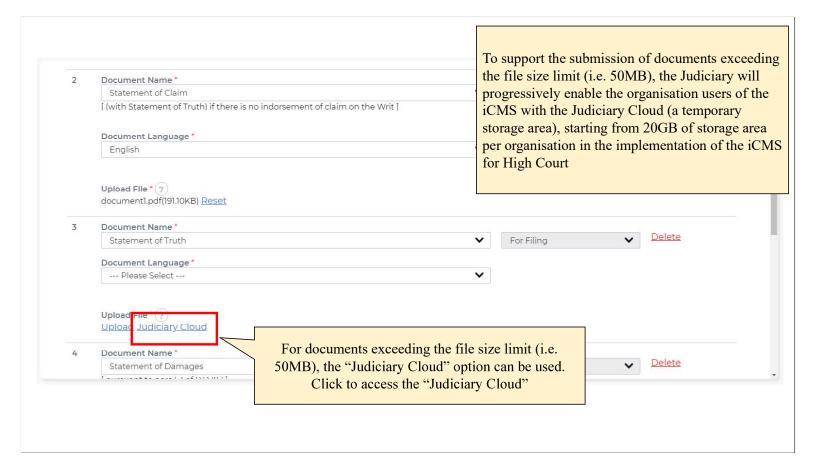


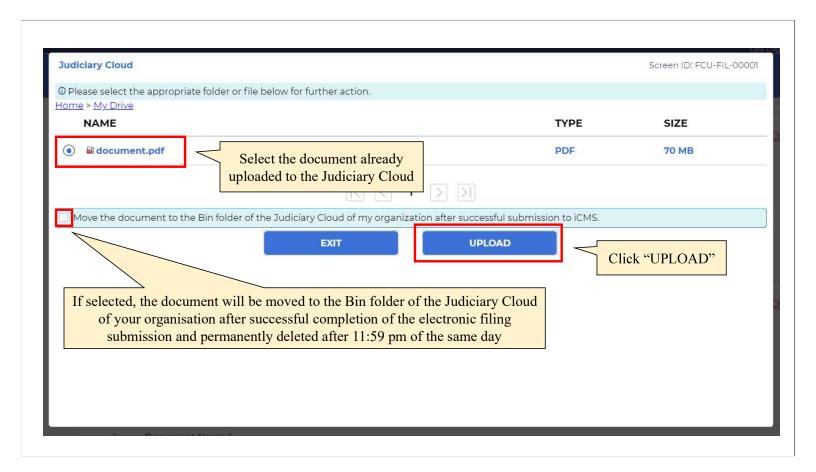


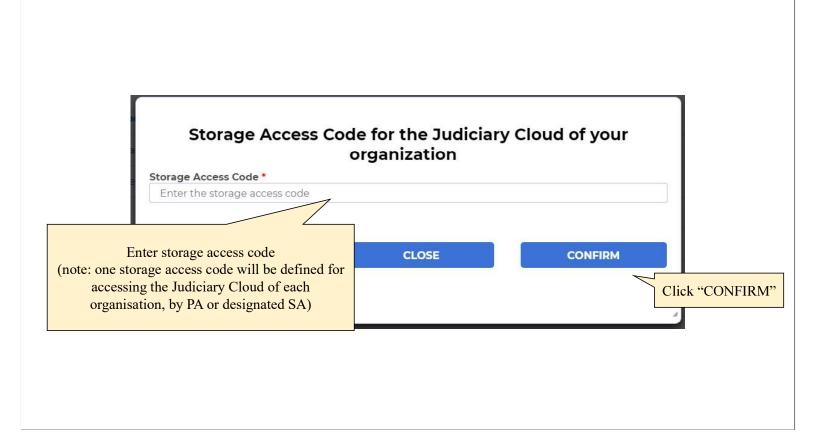


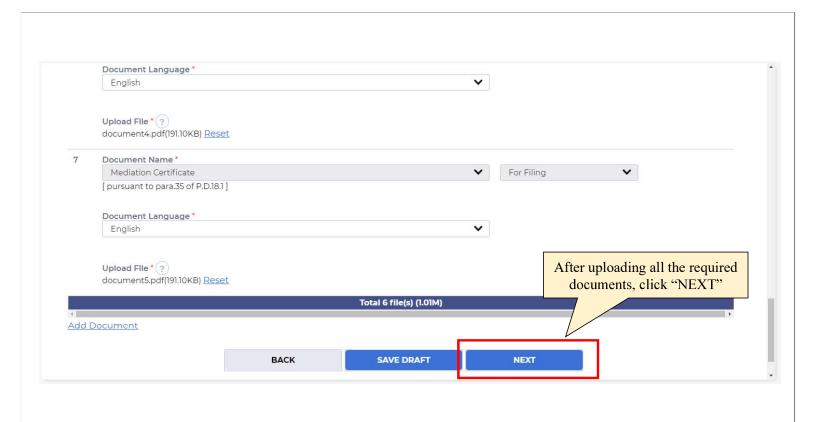






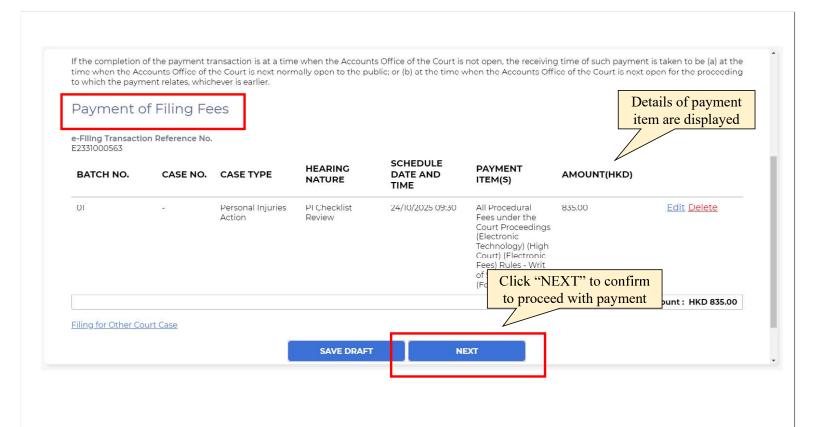


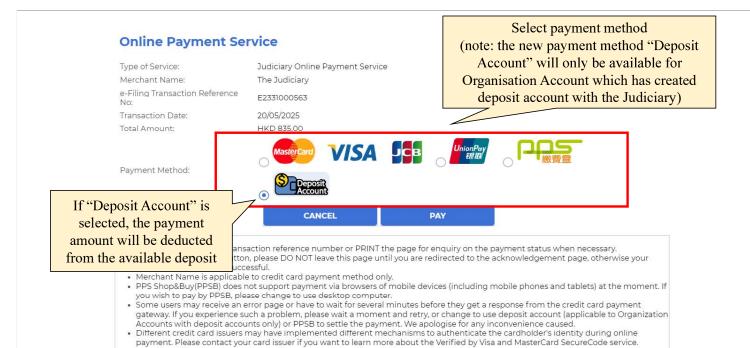










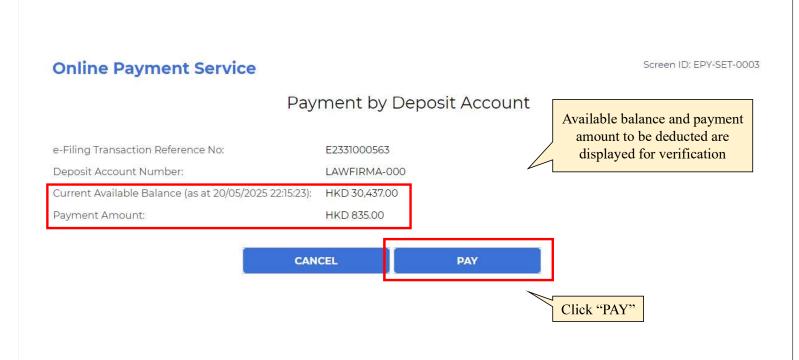


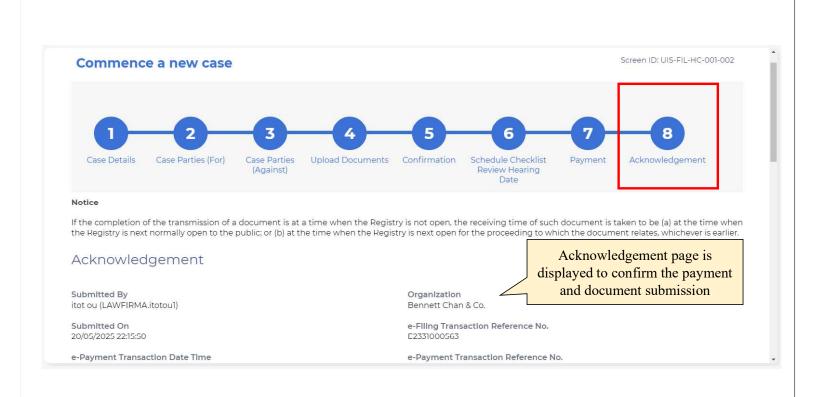
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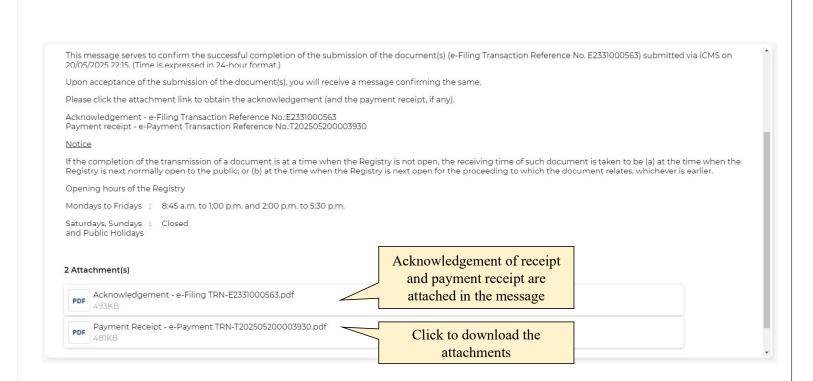
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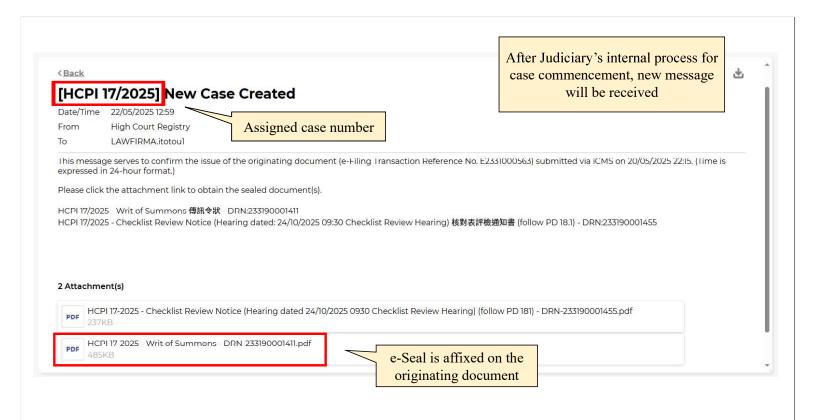
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Directions for Acknowledgment of Service are given with the accompanying form.

Indorsement of claim

This Plaintiff's claim is for

E-signed by Wong Siu Ming Benneth Chan & Co. Solicitor for Plaintiff(s)

(Where the Plaintiff's claim is for a debt or liquidated demand only: If, within the time for returning the Acknowledgment of Service, the Defendant pays the amount claimed and S\_\_\_\_ for costs, further proceedings will be stayed. The money must be paid to the Plaintiff or his Solicitor.)

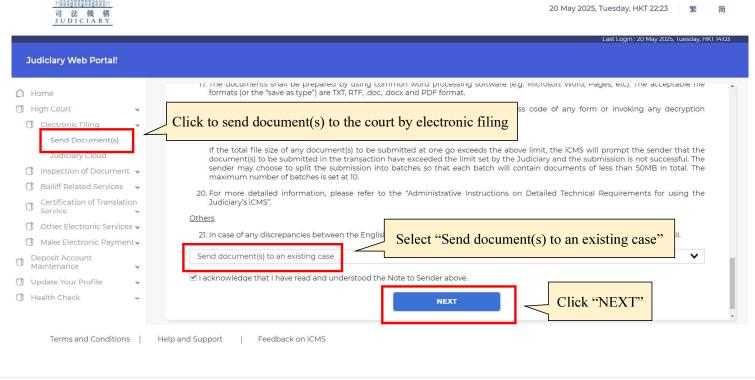
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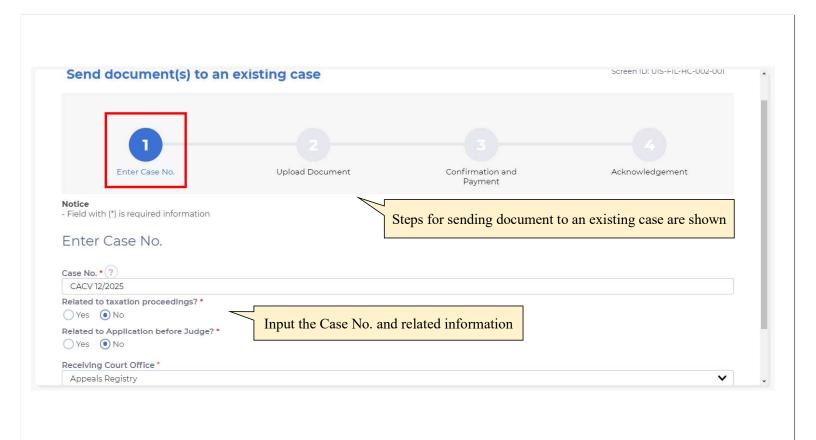
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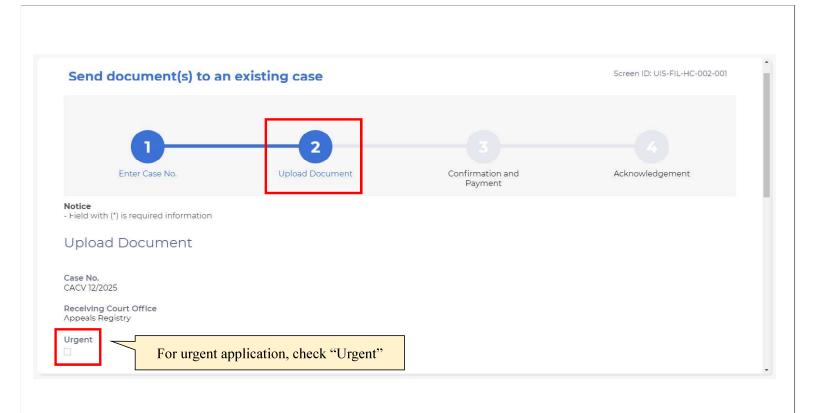
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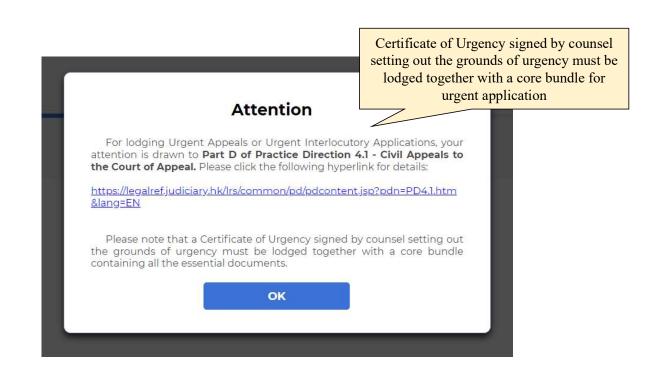
# Electronic Filing — How to send application for an appeal (CACV) to be heard urgently



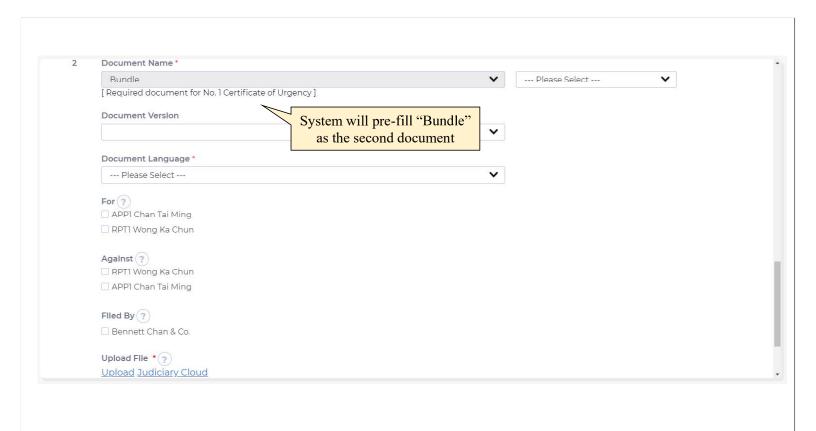


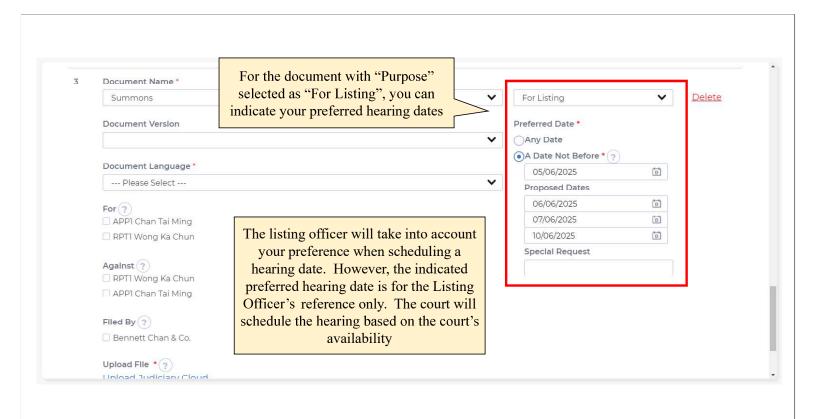


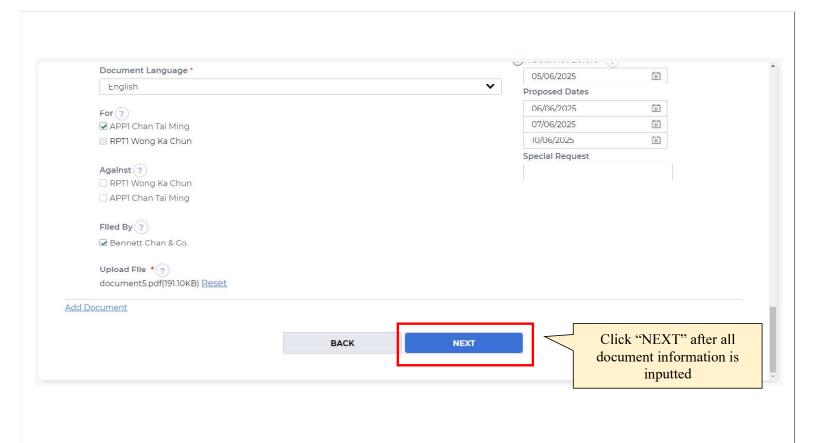


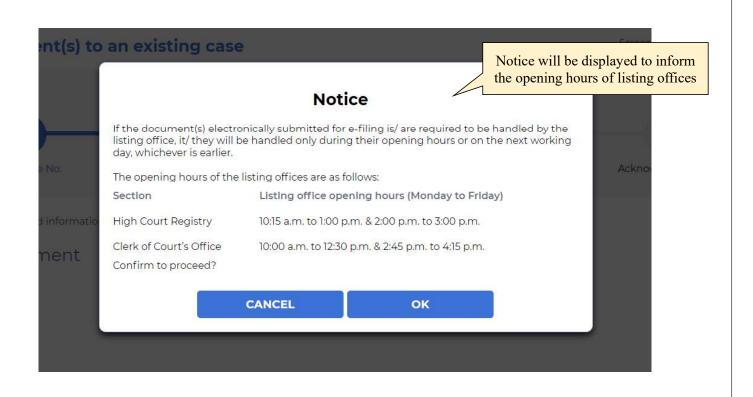




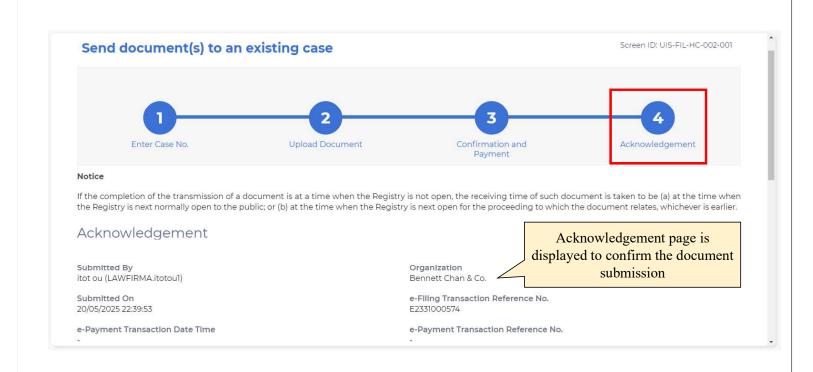
















### 香港特別行政區 高等法院 上訴法庭 民事上訴 年第 CACV 號

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION COURT OF APPEAL

CIVIL APPEAL NO CACV OF

To: Party xxx 致: Address xxxxx Party xxx Address xxxxx

## 初級指示聆訊通知書(楽由民事上斯司法常務官聆訊) NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DIRECTIONS HEARING BEFORE REGISTRAR OF CIVIL APPEALS

敢者: 上述上訴案之初級指示聆訊將由民事上訴司法常務官 x x x 在 TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned appeal will be listed for a Preliminary 内庭聆訊, 日明為 200x 年 xx 月 xx日星期 x 上 / 下午 x 時 xx 分。 Hearing before Master xxxx, Registrar of Civil Appeals in Chambers on xxx day, the xx day of xxxx, 200x at xxx o'clock in the fore / after noon.

日期: 2025年05月22日 Dated the

民事上訴司法常務官 (xxx 代行) (xxxxxxxx) for Registrar, Civil Appeals

聆訊地點:香港高等法院 \* Place of Hearing: High Court, Hong Kong \* Sample of the Notice of Hearing

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