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**Business Hours of the Patents Registry for
Receiving Certain Patent Application Documents by Facsimile**

This Circular is to draw the attention of standard patent applicants to the business hours of the Patents Registry for receiving certain patent application documents by facsimile. Pursuant to section 148 of the Patents Ordinance, the Registrar of Patents has extended the business hours as follows:

For the purpose of receiving by facsimile **the earliest filing of:-**

- (i) any part of any request to record a designated patent application under section 15 of the Patents Ordinance; and
- (ii) any part of any request for registration and grant under section 23 of the Patents Ordinance,

the following shall be the hours of business of the Patents Registry on any business day* :-

Monday to Saturday	24 hours a day
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* Remark: Business days shall not include any public holiday, gale warning day or black rainstorm warning day (as defined respectively in sections 3 and 71(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1)).

2. Applicants are reminded that facsimile transmission is not an infallible means of transmission. Technical error, or power failure, or interception of data, or other unpredictable error is possible. Applicants should note that filing documents by facsimile is at their own risk.

3. Any enquiries regarding this Circular may be addressed to Acting Senior Intellectual Property Examiner (Patents)/ Mr. Harvey Ho at telephone number 2961 6831.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K F Cheung', written in a cursive style.

(Peter K F Cheung)
for Registrar of Patents