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Dear Ms Lee,

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## **New Tax Portals**

The Department will enhance the existing eTAX system by providing tailored and more user-friendly services for individuals, businesses, and service agents through the launch of three interconnected sub-portals, namely Individual Tax Portal (ITP), Business Tax Portal (BTP) and Tax Representative Portal (TRP) (collectively referred to as "New Tax Portals"). The New Tax Portals are scheduled to be launched on 21 July 2025 ("Launch Date").

Starting from the Launch Date, the existing e-Stamping services provided under the eTAX platform through the GovHK website will be migrated to the New Tax Portals. Individual users can access the e-Stamping services through the ITP using their existing Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and eTAX password, "iAM Smart" account, or a recognized digital certificate. Business users can log into the BTP to access the e-Stamping services by using either a new BTP User Account or their existing "E-Stamp" Account Number and password.

To prepare for the launch of the New Tax Portals, the eTAX services will be temporarily suspended from 9:00 p.m. on 17 July 2025 to 9:00 a.m. on 21 July 2025.

If your members wish to use the e-Stamping service for stamping of instruments that are due for stamping by 18 or 19 July 2025, please advise them to submit the e-Stamping applications before 9:00 p.m. of 17 July 2025. Alternatively, they may submit instruments due for stamping on 18 and 19 July 2025 to the Stamp Office for conventional stamping on 18 and 21 July 2025 respectively. For those instruments due for stamping after 19 July 2025, your

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members may use the e-Stamping services after the resumption of the eTAX services or choose to stamp the instruments by conventional stamping.

For system security and effective control purposes, with effect from the Launch Date, the Stamp Office will cease to accept new "E-Stamp" Account(s) applications from business users having been registered under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310). To continue enjoying the benefits of the e-Stamping services, we strongly recommend that business users open a BTP Business Account under the BTP. Existing "E-Stamp" Account users are also advised to open a BTP Business Account, as their "E-Stamp" Accounts will be gradually phased out in the near future.

The BTP has been pre-launched for businesses to open their BTP Business Account. Your members may visit our dedicated webpage (<a href="www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/bus\_btp.htm">www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/bus\_btp.htm</a>) for details on opening a BTP Business Account. Online demos and user guides are also available on our website (<a href="www.ird.gov.hk/eng/demo/btp/main.htm">www.ird.gov.hk/eng/demo/btp/main.htm</a>).

For details of the e-Stamping services, your members are welcome to visit our website (<u>www.ird.gov.hk</u>) on "e-Stamping Service" after selecting "Tax Information – Others" > "Stamp Duty".

If your members have any further enquiries, they are welcome to contact us at 2594 3201 (for lease and share transfer) or at 2594 3202 (for property transfer).

Yours sincerely,

for Collector of Stamp Revenue