

Press release

Scheme \$6,000 launches tomorrow

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The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau reminded the public today (August 27) that Scheme \$6,000 will launch tomorrow (August 28), with holders of a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card born in 1946 or before to register first.

On that day, over 1,100 branches of 21 retail banks participating in the Scheme and 126 post offices will open from 9am to 5pm solely for handling registration under the Scheme. Depending on the circumstances, individual bank branches or post offices will open earlier than scheduled to assist members of the public.

A spokesman for the Bureau said the registration process is simple and convenient. Whether people register through banks or Hongkong Post, there is no need to queue up for obtaining or submitting the forms in person.

He reminded the public, especially the elderly, that they may ask someone they trust to submit the form for them, or mail it to Hong Kong General Post Office Box No. 186000.

Members of the public are reminded to safeguard their personal data and guard against scams for obtaining personal data or money by deceit in the guise of Scheme \$6,000.

The spokesman emphasised that neither the Government nor banks will call members of the public to ask for information for use in registration. Moreover, the Government and banks will not ask members of the public to provide their personal information by email or click on any hyperlink embedded in email to provide information for registering for Scheme \$6,000. People should not provide their personal information if they receive such calls or emails.

For more information about Scheme \$6,000, please visit www.scheme6000.gov.hk. Enquiries can be made on 186000.

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