

## **Press release**

### **Scheme \$6,000 cheque collection notifications issued**

Monday, November 14, 2011

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau has announced that registrants in the first batch (i.e. those born in 1946 or before) who registered for Scheme \$6,000 through Hongkong Post and were confirmed to have met the eligibility criteria will receive notification by post to collect their cheque at the post office selected in two weeks starting from today (November 14). Those in other batches who registered through Hongkong Post during the batching period (i.e. on or before November 5) will receive notification from late November until the end of December.

A spokesman for the Bureau said registrants should collect their cheque in person at the post office selected within the period specified on the notification. They need to show their notification and identity card for verification of identity.

The cheques are issued by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong). Registrants may encash their cheque at any local branch of Standard Chartered Bank (except for Priority Banking Centres) with no service charge involved. They may also deposit the cheque into an individual or joint account at Standard Chartered Bank or any other bank.

For the convenience of the public, the 56 post offices that provide cheque collection services (except for the post offices located at Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma, Tai O, Mui Wo and Discovery Bay) will extend office hours to 5pm on five Saturdays starting from this week (i.e. November 19 and 26, and December 3, 10 and 17) solely for handling cheque collection under Scheme \$6,000.

Standard Chartered Bank will extend the office hours of its branches (except for the branches at 68 Nathan Road, 86-98 Canton Road and 617-623 Nathan Road) to 5pm on the above-mentioned Saturdays to provide cheque encashment service. Registrants may call Standard Chartered Bank at 2178 6102 for enquiries.

The spokesman reminded the public that cheques will be available at the post offices for at most one year starting from their issuance for collection by registrants. If a cheque remains uncollected after one year, the registrant concerned will be deemed to have forfeited his or her right to collect the cheque.

For more information about the Scheme, please visit [www.scheme6000.gov.hk](http://www.scheme6000.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline 186 000.

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