

## **Reduction of the Designs Registry's fees Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q1. What are the Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2024 about?**

A1. The Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2024 implement the reduction of the fee level of the Designs Registry's services specified in the Schedule to the Registered Designs Rules (Cap. 522A). The level of reduction is 10% to 70%. The reduction of fees is one of the policy measures under the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address to promote the further development of intellectual property trading.

### **Q2. When will the new fees come into effect?**

A2. The new fees will come into effect on the commencement date of the Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2024, i.e. **1 March 2024**.

### **Q3. If a fee (e.g. renewal fee for a design registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-year extension) is due to be paid to the Designs Registry on 26 February 2024 and the payment is made on or after 1 March 2024 (the date on which the new fees come into effect), should I pay the old fee (HK\$1,200) or the new fee (HK\$835)?**

A3. Generally speaking, the payable amount is determined by the prevailing laws when the payment is made. Accordingly, the new fees will apply if such fees are paid on or after 1 March 2024.

In this case, the new renewal fee (HK\$835) but not the old renewal fee (HK\$1,200) is payable if the payment is made on or after 1 March 2024.

Should you fail to pay the renewal fee timely before the payment due date, but still wish to renew the design registration, you have to pay the new renewal fee together with the additional fee of HK\$390 (which was HK\$490 before 1 March 2024) within 6 months after the payment due date or else your design registration will cease to have effect.