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Mainland authorities accept new round of applications from Mainland "overage children" of Hong Kong residents for One-way Permits from January 18, 2018

Starting from January 18, 2018, the Mainland authorities will accept a new round of applications for One-way Permits (OWPs) from Hong Kong residents' Mainland "overage children" whose natural fathers or mothers obtained their first Hong Kong identity cards on or before November 1, 2001 to come to Hong Kong for reunion with their natural parents, a spokesperson for the Security Bureau said today (December 28).

The Ministry of Public Security of the Mainland made the above announcement today and has announced the relevant application procedure. According to the Mainland authorities, with effect from January 18, 2018, all eligible "overage children" of Hong Kong residents may submit applications to come to Hong Kong for reunion with their natural parents, including those whose natural fathers or mothers obtained their first Hong Kong identity cards on or before November 1, 2001.

According to the Mainland authorities, the application and approval arrangement for "overage children" to reside in Hong Kong has been implemented smoothly on the Mainland since April 1, 2011. Successful applicants came to join their natural parents in Hong Kong in a gradual and orderly manner.

In response to the request of Hong Kong residents and their Mainland "overage children" for reunion in Hong Kong, the Central Government decided that, starting from April 1, 2011, individuals may apply for OWPs to come to Hong Kong if they were below the age of 14 when their natural fathers or mothers, on or before November 1, 2001, obtained their first Hong Kong identity cards, as long as their natural fathers or mothers still resided in Hong Kong on April 1, 2011. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to maintain liaison with the Mainland authorities on the application progress and entry arrangement of "overage children".

Since 2011, the phased submission of applications by "overage children" to the Mainland authorities has been scheduled chronologically according to the order in which their natural fathers or mothers obtained their first Hong Kong identity cards. The Mainland authorities are currently accepting applications from Mainland residents whose natural fathers or mothers obtained their first Hong Kong identity cards on or before December 31, 1996. There is no deadline for the submission of applications.

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