<u>A female police constable posted to</u> <u>Hung Hom Division preliminarily tested</u> <u>positive for COVID-19</u>

A 36-year-old female Police Constable who is posted to the Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-unit of Hung Hom Division, preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The police officer's family member was tested positive for COVID-19 earlier on. The police officer was classified as close contact and was later escorted to the Quarantine Centre. She was also tested positive for COVID-19 this morning (December 29). She has no travel history over the past 14 days. She had no contact with members of the public and she wore face mask during her tour of duty. Her last working day was December 23.

Police are highly concerned and have the following messages:

(1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendations from the Department of Health (DH), officers that might have come into close contact with the police officer have been arranged to quarantine for observation and undergo tests for the virus;

(2) Police have deployed staff to clean and disinfect the premises where the officer works in;

(3) Police have reminded officers to maintain personal hygiene and reduce social contact to minimise the risk of infection. They should immediately report their cases and consult a doctor if they feel unwell; and

(4) Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure the provision of emergency services remains unaffected.

Police will continue to maintain close communication with the DH and proactively provide information such as the recent duty record and roster of the police officer concerned. Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.