A male police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 48-year-old male police officer who is posted to Tuen Mun Division was preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). He felt unwell on July 24 and sought medical treatment at a hospital. Preliminary results released today (July 26) showed that he was tested positive for COVID-19. He had no travel history over the past 14 days. He last attended work on July 24, and he wore masks when he had to come into contact with members of the public.

Police are highly concerned about the case and have the following message for members of the public:

- 1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendation by the Department of Health (DH), officers that might have come into close contact with the police officer have been arranged to work from home and undergo tests for the virus;
- 2) Police have deployed staff to clean and disinfect the Disciplined Services Quarters the police officer resides in, as well as the office he works in; and
- 3) Police have reminded officers to reduce social contact to minimise risks of infection, and pay attention to physical health. If feeling unwell, they should consult a doctor and report the case.

Police will continue to maintain close communication with 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 guarantine centres to undergo guarantine.