<u>A male Police Sergeant preliminarily</u> <u>tested positive for COVID-19</u>

 After six police officers, who are posted to the Airport Police District, tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) earlier, officers in close contact with them have been put under mandatory quarantine. During the quarantine period, a 44-year-old male Sergeant from the Airport Police District was tested yesterday (December 13). Preliminary result released today (December 14) showed that he was tested positive for COVID-19. He had no travel history over the past 14 days and had no contact with members of the public during his daily work. He last attended work on December 8.

Police are highly concerned and have the following messages for the public:

(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.