

Anti-epidemic Fund extends support to construction industry

The Development Bureau (DEVB) announced today (April 1) that the Anti-epidemic Fund will extend the beneficiaries of the support measures to the construction industry.

Under the new arrangement, the support measures will be extended to cover construction workers with valid registration in a specified period under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) as well as small and medium enterprise (SME) consultants which are company members of professional institutions and associations. The workers are those who are engaged in small-scale works outside construction sites, e.g. those involved in renovation, repair and maintenance.

"Each eligible worker will receive a subsidy of \$1,000 and each eligible consultant will get \$20,000. We expect that the new arrangement will further benefit about 240 000 construction workers and 400 SME consultants to help cover their extra expenses in enhancing anti-epidemic equipment amid the impact of the outbreak," a spokesman for the DEVB said.

The DEVB and the Construction Industry Council will announce the implementation details shortly.