<u>Arrangements for issue of Hongkong</u> <u>Post's "Year of the Tiger" special</u> <u>stamps</u>

Hongkong Post today (January 12) announced that the online advanced order service for the Lunar New Year special stamps themed on the "Year of the Tiger" and associated philatelic products to be issued on Tuesday (January 18) will be reopened effective from 8am tomorrow (January 13) to January 17.

To reduce social contacts in view of the latest development of the local epidemic situation, Hongkong Post will reopen its online advanced order service to enable customers to place their orders for the above special stamps and associated philatelic products. Customers may place their orders on Hongkong Post's online shopping mall "ShopThruPost" (shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk) without the need of visiting the post offices. Hongkong Post will separately notify customers of the collection date of their orders.

Hongkong Post also announced that to avoid gathering of people at the post offices and observe social distancing, there will not be any hand-back date-stamping service for official first day covers/souvenir covers/private covers on the date of issue of this set of special stamps (January 18), but collection points will be set up at all post offices to receive covers requiring the hand-back date-stamping service. These date-stamped covers will be available for collection from January 19 and customers will be advised on the collection schedule upon acceptance of the covers. In addition, the deadline of accepting orders for servicing self-provided covers will also be extended to January 17.

There will not be any change in the collection schedule for customers who have previously placed advance orders for this set of special stamps before January 4.

To join hands in fighting the virus, customers are encouraged to place their purchases online either through the online advanced order service or from the day of the new stamp issue (January 18). Those who have a genuine need to visit the post offices are advised to refrain from staying after their purchases.

Information about this set of special stamp issue is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website at <u>stamps.hongkongpost.hk</u> or Hongkong Post mobile app.