"Hong Kong in Miniature" exhibition opens in Tokyo to showcase Hong Kong's cityscape and culture (with photos)

â€<An exhibition entitled "Hong Kong in Miniature" Exhibition @Tokyo 2022, which showcases 40 miniature models that capture the uniqueness and vibrancy of Hong Kong, opened in Tokyo, Japan, today (July 28).

Created by a team of over 100 miniature artists, architectural modelists and animators in Hong Kong, the miniature models depict Hong Kong's unique culture, cherished traditions, cityscape and aspects of daily life. The exhibits are presented under four themes, namely "Old and New", "Delicacies", "Traditions" and "Festivals". The highlights of the exhibits include a 1:750 model of Hong Kong's world-renowned Victoria Harbour that is being displayed for the first time overseas. Other works include Yue Man Square in Kwun Tong before redevelopment, the Xiqu Centre, a bamboo theatre, stilt houses in Tai O and the Cheung Chau Bun Festival, as well as old streets and shops in Hong Kong. Some exhibits have augmented reality features installed to enhance interaction with visitors.

The Acting Principal Hong Kong Economic and Trade Representative (Tokyo), Mr Thomas Wu, said he hoped that the miniatures would help the Japanese public see Hong Kong's progressive developments in the past 25 years after its return to the motherland.

"The exhibition not only showcases the unique attractions of Hong Kong as a cosmopolitan city, but also demonstrates that Hong Kong is full of creativity and character and a place where the East blends with the West," he said.

Organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Tokyo) and supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board and Cathay Pacific Airways, the exhibition aims to promote Hong Kong's unique culture among the Japanese public and enhance the city's attractiveness as a travel destination. It is part of a series of events in Japan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The exhibition is being held in KITTE, a commercial complex next to Tokyo Station, until August 7. Demonstration sessions on how to create miniatures will also be held during weekends to promote cultural exchange.













HAD opens temporary heat shelters

â€<The Home Affairs Department will continue to open 18 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (July 28).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

In light of the implementation of mandatory use of the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application when entering government premises, all persons are required to use the app to scan the venue QR code before they are allowed to enter temporary heat shelters, except for exempted persons (including persons who are aged below 12 or aged 65 or above, persons with disabilities that render use of the app difficult and persons without smartphones). All exempted persons are required to complete a prescribed form to register their personal particulars, contact phone number and the date and time of entry. The staff will verify the information provided.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western —
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern —
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern — Wah Kwai Community Centre Wah Kwai Estate, Kellett Bay

Wan Chai — Wan Chai Activities Centre LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City — Hung Hom Community Hall 1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices 42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong -

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre 71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po —
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin —
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong — Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands -

Tung Chung Community Hall

G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing —
Kwai Shing Community Hall
Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North -

Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung —
Chi Shin Activity Centre
G/F, Tseung Kwan O South Ancillary Facilities Block, 5 Chi Shin Street,
Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin — Lung Hang Estate Community Centre Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po — Tai Po Community Centre 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan —
Lei Muk Shue Community Hall
G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun — Wu Shan Road Community Hall 101 Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun Yuen Long —
Long Ping Community Hall
Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, please browse the following document:

www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/L
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Government makes "restriction-testing declaration" and issues compulsory testing notice in respect of specified "restricted area" in Block 6, Fullview Garden, Chai Wan

The Government today (July 28) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" (declaration) effective from 5pm, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Chai Wan (i.e. Block 6, Fullview Garden, Chai Wan, see Annex) are required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing are required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" have undergone testing and the test results are mostly ascertained. The Government aims at finishing this exercise at around noon tomorrow (July 29). The operation may be extended depending on test results.

A Government spokesman said, "Under Cap. 599J, the Government can, according to the needs of infection control, make a 'restriction-testing declaration'. Having reviewed a basket of factors, including the viral load in sewage, the information of relevant positive cases, and other circumstantial factors, and conducted a risk assessment, the Government decided to make a 'restriction-testing declaration' for the relevant area."

The Government will set up temporary specimen collection stations at the "restricted area" and request persons subject to compulsory testing to undergo testing before 11pm today. Arrangements will be made for persons subject to compulsory testing to undergo a nucleic acid test at specimen collection stations where dedicated staff will collect samples through

combined nasal and throat swabs. Persons subject to compulsory testing must stay at their place of residence until all test results are ascertained to avoid cross-infection risk. The Government will make arrangement to facilitate specimen collection for people with impaired mobility. All persons in the "restricted area" who have tested positive in the past 14 days, including positive cases identified either by nucleic acid tests recorded by the Department of Health (DH) or by rapid antigen tests that have been self-declared to the DH, are not required to undergo testing in this compulsory testing exercise.

The Government spokesman said, "We understand that this exercise will cause inconvenience to the public. The Government has made arrangements to carry out testing for all persons present in the 'restricted area' as soon as possible. The aim is to strive to complete testing of all identified persons subject to compulsory testing and confirm the results, and finish the exercise at around noon tomorrow. The Government will make a public announcement when the declaration expires officially. In the cases in which employees are unable to go to work because of the declaration, the Government hopes their employers can exercise discretion and not deduct the salaries or benefits of the employees."

If staying in the "restricted area" will cause unreasonable hardship to individuals who are not residents in the area when the declaration takes effect, government officers may exercise discretion and allow that person to leave the area after considering the individual circumstances. That person must have followed the instructions to undergo testing and leave his/her personal information for contact purposes.

According to the compulsory testing notice to be issued today, any persons other than those specified above who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from July 22 to July 28, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, must undergo compulsory testing on or before July 30, 2022. As a mutant strain is involved, for prudence's sake, vaccinated persons and persons who have recently been tested are also required to undergo testing.

The Government appeals to persons subject to compulsory testing for their full co-operation by registering and undergoing testing, and waiting for the results patiently at home. The Government will strictly follow up on whether the persons concerned have complied with the compulsory testing notices and "restriction-testing declaration". Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$10,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the compulsory testing order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 5 (\$50,000) and imprisonment for six months.

"Women and Men in Hong Kong — Key Statistics (2022 Edition)" published

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) published today (July 28) a publication entitled "Women and Men in Hong Kong — Key Statistics (2022 Edition)".

This publication is compiled by the C&SD to serve as a ready source of information for those interested in the situation of women and men, and gender equality in Hong Kong. It draws together sex-disaggregated statistics and indicators from a wide variety of sources with a view to depicting the situation of women and men in major economic and social spheres. The key sex-disaggregated statistics contained in the publication are shown in Table 1.

Users can download this publication at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1130303&scode=180).

Enquiries about the contents of this publication can be directed to the Social Surveys Section (2) of the C&SD (Tel: 2887 0592 or email: thematic@censtatd.gov.hk).

Government follows up on positive results of sewage surveillance and appeals to residents to undergo virus testing

The Government announced today (July 28) that in order to fight the coronavirus epidemic, the Environmental Protection Department and the Drainage Services Department have been collecting sewage samples for virus testing in all districts, and had detected positive results in some areas, indicating that there may be hidden cases in the premises within these areas.

Rapid test

As regards positive sewage testing results with relatively high viral loads in the following areas, the respective District Offices will commence distributing about 255 000 sets of the COVID-19 rapid antigen test (RAT) kits to residents, cleaning workers and property management staff working in the following areas for them to take the test on their own, in order to help identify infected persons:

- Kowloon City District Harbour Place, Royal Peninsula, Hung Hum Bay Centre, Whampoa Estate, Chun Seen Mei Chuen, Beverly Villas, Ultima, Greenfield Terrace, Carmel-On-The-Hill, Wing On Court and One Beacon Hill
- Eastern District Mount Parker Lodge, Parkvale, Tai Hing House, Tai Sing House, Tai Lung House, Tai Chow House, Tung Yuk Court and Tung Tao Court
- Yuen Long District Uptown, The Woodsville, Aster Court, Beauty Court, Treasure Court, Park Nara, Symphony Garden, Domus, Coronet Court, The Woodside, The Verdancy, Lai Hung Garden, Great Garden and Jubilee Gardens
- Kwai Tsing District Sun Kwai Hing Garden, Kwai Chun Court and residential premises around Castle Peak Road, Shek Pui Street and Lei Muk Road (see Annex)
- Sha Tin District Sui Wo Court and Royal Ascot

Members of the public may refer to (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/rat/eng/rat.html) for enquiries relating to the use of the RAT kits.

When using an RAT kit, please pay attention to and follow the instructions from the manufacturer to perform the test and read the result properly. It is advisable to record the displayed result by taking a photo immediately after reading. Users should wash their hands before and after performing the tests, and avoid placing non-essential items within the specimen collection area. After completing the test, wrap and seal all components of the test kit carefully and dispose of them properly. If the household environment is contaminated during the specimen collecting process, disinfection should be conducted with 1 in 49 diluted bleach solution or 70 per cent alcohol.

People who obtained a positive result through an RAT for the first time can report via the online platform "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" (www.chp.gov.hk/ratp/). If individuals encounter difficulties using the online platform, they can call the automated system at 183 6119 to register their identification document and telephone number. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health will contact the relevant person later to finish the report procedure.