

## Senior Police Call shares love with elderly in celebration of HKSAR 25th anniversary (with photos)

Senior Police Call (SPC) launched its annual highlight event “SPC Share the Love” today (May 28) to express care and love to the elderly and the people in need.

Officiating at the kick off ceremony held at the Police Headquarters, the Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye, expressed gratitude to the community for their continuous support and effort in preparing the annual event despite the challenges of the pandemic, making it a resounding success across the city.

During the ceremony, a video entitled “Blessing Bags Across Generations” was shown, in which SPC honorary presidents and members together with youngsters of each police district passed around the blessing bags across the territory. SPC’s mascot, “Master Bean”, finally presented the blessing bag to the officiating guests on stage to kick off the event. Following the ceremony, with the wholehearted support of 22 police districts, blessing bags with food, daily necessities and anti-epidemic items will be distributed to the people in need.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the design of the publicity items and blessing bags showcases the characteristics of Hong Kong and its accomplishments in the past 25 years. It also expresses the aspirations for a better future.

Other officiating guests of the ceremony included the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Mr Yuen Yuk-kin; the Director of Operations, Mr Chan Joon-sun; the Chairperson of SPC Central Advisory Board cum the Regional Commander of Hong Kong Island, Mr Kwok Pak-chung; the Vice-Chairperson of SPC Central Advisory Board cum the Chief Superintendent of Police Public Relations Branch, Ms Tsang Shuk-yin; the Chairperson of SPC Central Finance Committee, Mr Ngan Chi-wing; the Chairperson of SPC Central Activity and Organizing Committee, Dr Albert Wong; and Senior Superintendent of Police Public Relations Branch, Ms Yau Sin-man.

The SPC Scheme, rolled out in 2014, aims to promote crime prevention, anti-deception and road safety messages to the elderly. It also provides a platform for the elderly to participate in meaningful activities as well as to serve the community. As at April 30, more than 13,000 senior citizens have joined the SPC Scheme.



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## Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 28) that Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool in Tuen Mun District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

It will be reopened at 7.30pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

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## Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Yu Chui Court, Sha Tin, and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice (with photo)

The Government yesterday (May 27) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" effective from 5.30pm yesterday, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Sha Tin (i.e. Yu Yan House, Yu Chui Court, Sha Tin) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained.

Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from May 21 to May 27, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before May 29, 2022. The Government finished the compulsory testing exercise at around 7.30am today (May 28) and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 10am today.

The Government provided food packs for persons subject to compulsory testing, so as to facilitate the meal arrangements of some persons subject to compulsory testing. Anti-epidemic proprietary Chinese medicines donated by the Central People's Government or procured with the co-ordination of the Central People's Government and rapid test kits were also provided to persons subject to compulsory testing to help them fight against the virus.

The Home Affairs Department also set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled

with the efforts of the testing contractors throughout the night, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at around 7.30am today, the Government took enforcement action in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative testing result as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation was completed at around 10am. Test records of around 300 persons subject to compulsory testing were checked. Nobody was found to have not undergone compulsory testing. Taking into account the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government reminds the 24 households who have not answered the door to undergo a nucleic acid test as soon as possible after reading the notices put up by the Government, in the hope of eliminating the possible risk of further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government thanks all participating government staff and the testing agencies for their hard work. The Government is also grateful to those subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the results at home.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. 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.



# Government announces latest situation of fresh food supply from Mainland

A Government spokesman announced today (May 28) that the supply of fresh food from the Mainland yesterday (May 27) was sufficient and stable.

According to the latest information, the quantity of vegetables supplied from the Mainland to Hong Kong yesterday (as of midnight) by land and water transportation was about 2 600 tonnes, comparable to the average daily supply from the Mainland on a normal day. The volume of vegetables sold through the wholesale markets of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Vegetable Marketing Organization was about 741 tonnes. The average wholesale prices of choi sum and pak choi stood at \$5.10 and \$5.20 per catty respectively yesterday, lower than their average daily wholesale prices last year. The supply of eggs to the wholesale market remained steady, with the average daily supply standing at about 3.5 million for the past week, comparable to the average daily supply on a normal day last year.

The total supply of chilled meat from the Mainland yesterday was about 37 tonnes. The supply of live pigs was plentiful.

The supply of chilled poultry from the Mainland was over 160 000 head yesterday, and over 10 000 live chickens were slaughtered locally. The supply was abundant.

Regarding the rice supply, in compliance with the requirement by the Government, stockholders of rice have to maintain the reserve stock of rice at a level sufficient for consumption by the local population for 15 days. The trade generally stocks double the required amount, which is sufficient for one month's consumption by Hong Kong citizens. In recent years, the import and consumption of rice in Hong Kong has stood at a steady level of around 320 000 to 330 000 tonnes per year. The import quantity (including reserve stock) as of end-April 2022 was 28 800 tonnes. Suppliers also maintain a reserve for food that can be stored, such as frozen meat, for around three months' stock generally.

The Government will continue to maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities and major food suppliers to ensure a stable food supply.

The AFCD updates and publishes the fresh food supply information daily. Members of the public may visit the AFCD website for updates on daily supplies and wholesale prices of fresh food ([www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr\\_fresh/agr\\_fresh.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr_fresh/agr_fresh.html)).

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# Government enforces “restriction-testing declaration” and compulsory testing notice in respect of specified “restricted area” in Yu Chui Court, Sha Tin

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In addition, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday to any person who had been present at the building for more than two hours from May 21 to May 27, 2022, to undergo compulsory testing on or before May 29, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect. The Government finished the compulsory testing exercise at around 7.30am today (May 28) and is now carrying out enforcement actions in the "restricted area" to verify that all people in the "restricted area" have undergone compulsory testing. The Government will further announce the revocation time of the declaration.

Starting from around 7.30am today, persons in the specified "restricted area" in Sha Tin who have undergone testing and are able to present SMS notifications with negative test results as proof of having undergone testing may leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer.

The Government set up temporary specimen collection stations in the "restricted area" yesterday and requested persons subject to compulsory testing to collect combined nasal and throat swab samples at the stations to undergo a COVID-19 virus test before 11.30pm yesterday. Around 950 people within the "restricted area" had undergone testing, among which one case tested positive and one indeterminate case were found. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health will arrange to follow up.

Regarding the case tested positive in the specified "restricted area", the Government has provided additional food packs, health advice for persons tested positive pending admission to hospitals or isolation facilities, disinfection products and surgical masks to the person and the person's household members pending follow-up arrangement.

Moreover, the Government also assigned staff to visit around 290 households within the "restricted area", among which 24 households did not answer the door. The Government will take measures to follow up.

The Government reiterates that enforcement actions will be taken seriously. Any person who fails to present an SMS notification with a test result as proof of having undergone testing breaches the compulsory testing notice and may be liable to a fine of \$10,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him/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.