<u>Caroline Hill Road Pop-up Community</u> <u>Vaccination Centre to open for</u> <u>reservations tomorrow</u>

The Government will set up the Caroline Hill Road Pop-up Community Vaccination Centre (PCVC) in Causeway Bay on March 29 (Tuesday) to provide the BioNTech vaccination service to persons aged 12 or above. Online booking will start at 9am tomorrow (March 25).

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said today (March 24), "The setting up of the Caroline Hill Road PCVC is made possible with the provision of the venue free of charge by Hysan Development and the Chinachem Group, and the full support from the School of Nursing at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. It is worth noting that the School of Nursing will operate the vaccination centre in a non-profit-making mode and will arrange for its final year students to assist in the administration of the vaccine under the supervision of experienced registered nurses.

"The Government has set out targets and will endeavour to achieve them by late-April, including boosting the second dose vaccination rate to 90 per cent, and boosting the first dose vaccination rate to 90 per cent for children aged 3 to 11, teenagers and elderly persons aged 70 or above, as well as residents at residential care homes. Vaccination and receiving the second and third doses of a COVID-19 vaccine on time are the keys to overcoming the epidemic, to protect ourselves by reducing the risk of serious illness and death from infection, to protect the healthcare system, and to return to a relatively normal way of life. We will closely monitor the situation of vaccination and pay particular attention to assisting the old and the young to speed up their pace of vaccination."

The Caroline Hill Road PCVC is located at the junction of Caroline Hill Road and Leighton Road in Causeway Bay. Members of the public can access the PCVC from Exit F1 of MTR Causeway Bay Station and by heading towards the Caroline Hill Road direction via Yun Ping Road. The centre will be open daily from 8am to 8pm and will be closed between 1.30pm and 2.30pm for cleaning. In addition to taking prior bookings for vaccination, the PCVC will also distribute same-day tickets to persons aged 12 to 17 and elderly persons aged 60 or above. This PCVC will operate until end of June.

Meanwhile, the MTR Tsing Yi Station Community Vaccination Centre (CVC) will provide the BioNTech vaccination service from March 29. The CVC will concurrently provide a Sinovac vaccination service to a small number of people who have made Sinovac vaccination appointments up to April 21. During the three-week transition period, the CVC will be delineated into two distinct zones for administering the two vaccines separately. Diversion arrangements will be made at the entrance and clear instructions and signage will also be displayed inside the venue for easy identification.

The designated website for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme</u>) provides the latest information including details on vaccination venues, reservation and enquiry hotlines.

Channels for free COVID-19 vaccination are as follows:

* Community Vaccination Centres

CVCs providing the Sinovac CoronaVac vaccine for persons aged 3 or above

Java Road Sports Centre in North Point Kwun Chung Sports Centre in Jordan Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre in Sha Tin MTR Tsing Yi Station (until April 21) Hong Kong Central Library in Causeway Bay Hong Kong Spinners Industrial Building in Cheung Sha Wan Millennium City 5 in Kwun Tong

CVCs providing the Fosun/BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine for persons aged 12 or above

Loke Yew Hall, the University of Hong Kong in Pok Fu Lam Tsuen Wan Sports Centre Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre in Sai Ying Pun Boundary Street Sports Centre in Mong Kok Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre in Kwun Tong Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre Yuen Long Sports Centre Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre in Kwai Chung Tuen Mun Town Hall Sha Tin Town Hall CUHK Medical Centre in Sha Tin (no same-day tickets) Satellite Community Vaccination Centre, Leighton Centre in Causeway Bay (no same-day tickets) Landmark North in Sheung Shui Caroline Hill Road in Causeway Bay (starting from March 29) MTR Tsing Yi Station (starting from March 29) Children Community Vaccination Centres (CCVCs) providing the Fosun/BioNTech

Children Community Vaccination Centres (CCVCs) providing the Fosun/BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 with reservation (no same-day tickets)

CCVC at Hong Kong Children's Hospital in Kowloon Bay CCVC at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre in Sha Tin HKU CCVC at Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong in Wong Chuk Hang CCVC at Tsuen Wan Sports Centre * over 1 000 private doctors or clinics which provide the Sinovac vaccination service (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS</u>);

* 41 venues operated by private healthcare institutions enrolled in the BioNTech Vaccination Pilot Scheme (www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/list_vssdr_covid_bnt_pilot_eng.pdf);

* four Mobile Vaccination Stations
(www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List_Mobile_Vaccination_Station_ENG.pdf);

* 13 Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Stations
(www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/HA_HCVS_Location_ENG.pdf);

* eight general out-patient clinics under the Hospital Authority
(www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_HAGOPC_Venues.pdf);

* five Student Health Service Centres under the Department of Health which provide the Sinovac vaccination service to children/students aged 3 to 17 (www.studenthealth.gov.hk/english/covid19/covid19_vaccination_in_shsc.html);

* 19 Maternal and Child Health Centres under the Department of Health which provide the Sinovac vaccination service to pregnant women receiving antenatal services (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202202/27/P2022022700620.htm);

* 11 Elderly Health Centres under the Department of Health which provide walk-in Sinovac vaccination service to persons aged 65 or above (www.elderly.gov.hk/english/contactus/elderly_health_centres.html); and

* Kwai Tsing District Health Centre and Sham Shui Po District Health Centre which provide the BioNTech vaccination service.

Before making an appointment, members of the public should take note of a minimum interval of 14 days between COVID-19 vaccination and any other vaccination (including seasonal influenza vaccination).

As the BioNTech vaccine for children requires a special dilution procedure, children aged 5 to 11 must receive the BioNTech vaccine at the four CCVCs and not at other venues.

Persons aged 12 to 17 receiving the BioNTech vaccine must also bring along a consent form of the following version signed by their parents on the date of vaccination (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent_Form for COVID19 Vaccination ENG.pdf).