

CE visits monitoring centre of Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (with photos/video)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited the new monitoring centre set up by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) at North Point Government Offices this afternoon (March 30) to encourage the hard-working OGCIO personnel and members of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) who are taking part in anti-epidemic work.

Accompanied by the Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Ms Annie Choi, and the Government Chief Information Officer, Mr Victor Lam, Mrs Lam viewed the operation of the centre to learn about how the OGCIO has been assisting in the implementation of compulsory quarantine for persons arriving at Hong Kong from overseas through continuous improvements to the monitoring wristbands and the mobile app. Mrs Lam chatted with the centre's staff and noted that apart from OGCIO personnel, a number of ICAC members have also been taking part in the monitoring work at the centre. She expressed her gratitude to all public officers for taking the initiative to handle tasks in addition to their routine duties to help with the anti-epidemic work, demonstrating the commitment of the whole Government to fighting the disease together.

Since the implementation of compulsory quarantine for persons arriving at Hong Kong from overseas, which has been in effect since March 19, the Department of Health has issued quarantine orders to 50 000 relevant persons. Thousands of personnel and volunteers from various government departments have been mobilised to carry out the quarantine work, including monitoring people under quarantine and providing various kinds of support to them.

"Given the large number of people subject to compulsory quarantine, self-discipline and co-operation of people under quarantine are of utmost importance to the effectiveness of the measures. The Government will nonetheless exercise zero tolerance towards breaches of quarantine orders and stringent enforcement actions will be taken. I urge all people under quarantine not to defy the law for the sake of themselves and the community," Mrs Lam said.

The magistrates' courts ruled on three cases of breaches of quarantine orders today. The three offenders were all sentenced to immediate imprisonment with the longest term being three months of imprisonment. The Government welcomed the judgments.

