

CHP carries out port health inspection work on World Dream cruise

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (February 5) said that subsequent to the notification of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection involving eight travellers from the Mainland who took the World Dream cruise from January 19 to 24, the CHP's Port Health Division is sparing no effort in carrying out the port health inspection work on the cruise.

Personnel of the Port Health Division have been assessing the health condition of over 1 800 passengers and over 1 800 crew members on board through health declaration and temperature checking. As of 9pm, 33 crew members of the cruise claimed to have developed upper respiratory tract infection symptoms. Among them, three crew members reported to have developed fever were sent to hospital for isolation and management.

Samples were collected from all crew members reported to have symptoms for testing on novel coronavirus. Currently, relevant test results showed that the respiratory samples of 32 crew members concerned were tested negative for novel coronavirus while that of the remaining one is pending.

The CHP said that relevant health inspection work is ongoing due to the large number of people on board. All passengers and crew members are required to stay on board prior to completion of the health inspection and permission by the DH.

The CHP also urged members of the public who took the cruise from January 19 to 24 and arriving Hong Kong on January 24 to call the CHP's hotline 2125 1122 which operates from 8am to midnight daily.