CS inspects handover of community isolation facility on Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (with photos/video)

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, this morning (March 12) visited the third community isolation facility (CIF) constructed with Mainland support on the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

Upon arrival, Mr Lee attended a handover seminar with Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (LOCPG) Mr Yin Zonghua and the Chairman of the contractor, China State Construction International Holdings Limited. Also joining the seminar were the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan; the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong; the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung; the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Ricky Lau; the Director of Architectural Services, Ms Winnie Ho; and the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr Tony Ko.

Afterwards, Mr Lee visited the newly constructed units and facilities of the CIF, and was briefed by representatives of China State Construction International Holdings Limited about the close co-operation between the construction team and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, including the Development Bureau, the Architectural Services Department and the Security Bureau. Together they raced against time and overcame the challenges with the support of the Central Government in various aspects such as the transportation and customs clearance of construction materials, enabling the completion and delivery of the CIF within the shortest possible time.

The CIF on the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge provides around 400 rooms and around 1 200 beds for emergency isolation.

Mr Lee said, "The completion of this isolation facility represents the Central Government's full support for the anti-epidemic work of the HKSAR as well as the LOCPG's effective co-ordination to press ahead with the work. It also represents the achievements after overcoming difficulties with the tireless efforts of the construction personnel of China State Construction International Holdings Limited.

"I thank the Central Government, the LOCPG and China State Construction International Holdings Limited for making the completion of the isolation facilities happen quickly. The success of the project represents perseverance and pride. It also represents the construction personnel's hard work, great efforts and touching contributions. The construction personnel have worked round the clock and will provide continuous maintenance services after the facilities come into operation. Their passion, dedication and tireless efforts are worthy of recognition and appreciation.

"At present, the room occupancy rate of the two handed-over projects in Tsing Yi and San Tin has reached around 80 per cent. The facility on the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will come into operation today immediately after the handover, while projects in Ma Sik Road, Fanling; Hung Shui Kiu; and Tam Mei, Yuen Long, will be handed over to the HKSAR Government within this month. These six facilities will provide about 20 000 additional beds for emergency isolation.

"I would like to thank the Security Bureau's anti-epidemic task force for its proactive assistance in solving problems, improving admission arrangements and taking care of the daily needs of occupants, including adopting a small-district management approach and increasing contact with the occupants, streamlining the admission process, and providing newspapers, toys for children and free online entertainment platform services for the occupants."

Mr Lee also thanked the Board of Directors of Yan Chai Hospital for the donation of anti-epidemic kits to help in taking care of the occupants during their stay.

Mr Lee said, "As more community isolation and treatment facilities are completed with the support of the Central Government and handed over to the HKSAR Government for operation, we will make the best use of the facilities to isolate infected persons as early as possible to avoid the spread of the virus at home and in the community so as to cut transmission chains and to safeguard lives and health and stabilise the epidemic situation as soon as possible."











