## CSD suspends social visits to persons in custody in light of epidemic development

In view of recent repeated cases where members of the public who tested positive for COVID-19 had paid social visits to persons in custody in different correctional institutions, which have substantially increased the risk of large-scale outbreaks caused by the introduction of a highly contagious variant virus into the institutions, the Correctional Services Department will suspend social visits to persons in custody (including convicted and remand persons) from tomorrow (February 5) to February 13 (Sunday) to ensure the safety of persons in custody and various stakeholders. In case of emergencies during the above period, persons concerned may call the staff of the Rehabilitation Unit of respective correctional institutions for follow-up.