

Enhancement of Return2hk Scheme online booking system

The Government today (January 13) announced that, having regard to the booking and immigration clearance situation since the implementation of the Return2hk Scheme, it has been decided that starting from 0.00am of January 14, the online booking system will be open for booking 24/7 to facilitate members of the public to apply for available quotas through the system anytime. Once the new arrangement is in place, members of the public can immediately apply for quotas for the period between January 14 and January 24. Thereafter, the system will make available the quotas for the seven-day period of the following week for booking every Wednesday at 0.00am. For example, from 0.00am of January 20, members of the public can begin to apply for the quotas for the period between January 20 and January 31.

To implement the new booking arrangement, the Return2hk Scheme online booking system will be temporarily suspended tomorrow (January 14) from 0.00am for about 30 minutes for system upgrading.

The Government spokesman reminded that Hong Kong residents who return to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme should fulfill all the specified conditions in order to be exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement upon their return to Hong Kong, including not having been to places other than Hong Kong, Guangdong Province or Macao in the past 14 days; being able to present the proof of a valid negative nucleic acid test result conducted in any medical institutions located in the Guangdong Province or Macao that are mutually recognised by the governments of Hong Kong and Guangdong / Hong Kong and Macao upon arrival; holding a quota of the Return2hk Scheme and return to Hong Kong on the date and at the boundary control point as specified in the booking. To ensure smooth immigration clearance at the boundary control points, returning Hong Kong residents should transmit their valid negative nucleic acid test result to the electronic health declaration system of the Department of Health through "Yuekang Code" or "Macao health code" and to fill in other required information to obtain the "Green" QR code within 24 hours before setting off to Hong Kong.

Details of the Return2hk Scheme are available at the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (return2hk.gov.hk or www.gov.hk/return2hk). Members of the public may also call the hotline of the Return2hk Scheme at 3142 2330 if they have any enquiries.