

## FHB expresses deep regret over remarks misrepresenting social distancing measures

â€œRegarding remarks reported today (April 28) that linked the relaxation of social distancing measures by the Government based on the "vaccine bubble" with the "social credit system" in the Mainland, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) strongly refuted and deeply regretted such misrepresentation of facts in the media report, and clarified that there is no correlation between the two.

The spokesman for the FHB stressed that the relaxation of social distancing measures announced by the Government yesterday was based on the enhanced anti-epidemic capability in Hong Kong and the steady progress of the Government's vaccination programme. In adjusting the social distancing measures, the Government has taken into account the relevant risks of infection, and the decision was supported with public health justifications, with a view to responding to the aspirations of various trades and the public to resume normal daily lives as soon as possible.

Upon the increasing numbers of the vaccination uptake, Hong Kong is gradually building a protection and immunity barrier against the epidemic. Those who have been vaccinated are safeguarded to return to their normal lives under the protection of vaccines. The spokesman reiterated that the biased remarks deliberately mislead members of the public and are unfavourable at a time when the city is joining hands in fighting the epidemic. A clarification must be made to set the record straight.