

First batch of Hong Kong residents on board Diamond Princess cruise to complete quarantine after returning to Hong Kong

The first batch of 108 passengers of the Diamond Princess cruise returning to Hong Kong will finish their 14-day quarantine at 11.59pm tonight (March 4). Among them, except two confirmed cases of COVID-19 receiving treatment at hospital, the remaining 106 passengers may leave Chun Yeung Estate quarantine camp in Fo Tan tonight. Transportation will be arranged to take them to designated location for dismissal.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government arranged three chartered flights to Japan from February 20 to 23 for taking back Hong Kong residents on board the Diamond Princess cruise. Together with those returning to Hong Kong on their own by taking other flights, the number of Diamond Princess cruise passengers under quarantine at Chun Yeung Estate quarantine camp is 225.

During the quarantine period, persons under quarantine are required to measure their own body temperature on a daily basis to monitor their health condition. Health care staff are on duty round-the-clock. If fever or other symptoms arise, they will be arranged for management in hospital if necessary upon assessment. So far, nine Hong Kong residents returning from the cruise were confirmed cases of COVID-19 while one was classified as a probable case. All patients are in a stable condition. For the remaining 100 odd persons, most of them will complete their compulsory quarantine from March 5 to 7.