

# Further suspension of social visits to Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre and Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre of Immigration Department in light of epidemic development

The Immigration Department (ImmD) today (February 11) said that as the local epidemic situation remains severe, it is necessary for the ImmD to maintain the implementation of emergency measures to reduce social contact to prevent large-scale outbreaks being caused by the introduction of a highly contagious variant virus strain into Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre and Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre. With a view to ensuring the safety of detainees and staff, social visits to the detainees will be further suspended until February 23. Moreover, in consideration of the individual needs of the detainees, every detainee will be allowed to receive approved hand-in articles delivered to the respective Centres by his/her visitors once between February 14 and February 23.

In accordance with the regulations implemented by the Government, persons entering the Centres are required to wear masks and comply with the epidemic prevention and social distancing measures including using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app, temperature checks and crowd control arrangements. In case of urgent matters or enquiries regarding the categories or quantities of the approved hand-in articles, the persons concerned may contact the staff of visit rooms of the respective Centres for follow-up by telephone.