

Government announces list of seventh-cycle designated quarantine hotels

The Government announced today (December 31) the list of designated quarantine hotels for the seventh cycle of the Designated Quarantine Hotel (DQH) Scheme. A total of 44 hotels will provide about 12 500 rooms in the new cycle, which runs from March 1 to July 31, 2022. The Government may adjust the number of rooms available in this cycle as and where necessary.

A Government spokesman said, "The Government issued letters to some 2 000 hotels and guesthouses with valid licences on November 30 to invite applications for enlisting as DQHs in the seventh cycle. We have received 60 applications.

"Upon assessment, 44 hotels, including 37 in the sixth cycle, were selected as DQHs to join the seventh cycle (see list in Annex) to provide about 12 500 rooms of various types and rates for selection by arrivals in Hong Kong from places other than the Mainland and Macao. Among the seven new DQHs, four of them will commence business before March 1, 2022, with a view to alleviating the current market demand for hotel rooms. W Hong Kong and Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East will commence business in January 2022, and Nina Hotel Causeway Bay and iclub Mong Kok Hotel will start operation in February 2022."

The spokesman added, "To enable travellers who will return from abroad during the summer holidays to plan ahead, we have increased the duration of the seventh cycle by two months as compared to that of the sixth cycle. Furthermore, in view of the strong demand for rooms under the sixth cycle, as well as the long public holidays and summer holidays to be covered under the seventh cycle, some 1 000 additional hotel rooms have been made available under this new cycle in anticipation of a possible increase in market demand."

The Government fully implemented the DQH Scheme and the Designated Transportation Scheme on December 22, 2020, requiring all arrivals from specified places to undergo compulsory quarantine at DQHs as a measure to further prevent the importation of COVID-19 cases and reduce contact between arrivals and the local community. The first to fifth cycles of the DQH Scheme have ended while the sixth cycle, with 40 hotels, will end on February 28, 2022.

The list of DQHs in the seventh cycle and related details, including room rates, will be uploaded to the thematic webpage at www.designatedhotel.gov.hk.