

Government announces utilisation arrangements for existing community isolation facilities in Tsing Yi and San Tin

The Government announced today (July 13) that the existing community isolation facilities (CIFs) in Tsing Yi and San Tin will be partially modified as needed for short-term uses which are beneficial to society, the economy and people's livelihood. The arrangements will last for about one year.

1. The Tsing Yi CIF, after necessary modifications, will provide a venue and ancillary facilities to youth uniformed groups for holding training on flag raising, foot drill and other youth development-related activities. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) is liaising with youth uniformed groups on the necessary modifications, the arrangements for using the venue and the facilities which will be open for such groups to apply. The HYAB will monitor the usage situation.
2. Upon completion of the necessary modifications at the San Tin CIF, the Development Bureau (DEVB) will arrange for the Construction Industry Council (CIC) to hold training courses and trade tests, including on-site training on the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) method regarding safety legislation, lifting and assembly to support a wider adoption of the MiC. The owners of private lots of the San Tin CIF have agreed to continue lending the land for such purposes.

The DEVB will make arrangements for the additional works for the aforesaid facilities to be commenced progressively within this month.

Since late April this year, the Hospital Authority has been providing ambulatory diagnostic radiology services at the Central Government-aided Emergency Hospital in the Loop, inviting patients with suitable clinical conditions to receive radiological diagnostic services there, with a view to shortening patient waiting time and relieving the pressure on radiology services in public hospitals.

The Government also announced last month that, with the consent of the owners of the lent private lots, the CIF in Tam Mei, Yuen Long, will be temporarily used as centralised quarters for imported labour in the construction sector. The quarters will be managed by the CIC.

The Government will continue to review subsequent arrangements for other community isolation and treatment facilities with a view to maintaining the Government's capacity to respond to changes in the epidemic situation while

taking into account Hong Kong's economic, livelihood and social needs. To this end, the Government will release the sites in phases or utilise the facilities for other purposes. Announcements will be made and the implementation of related work will be carried out in a timely and orderly manner.