

## Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Heng On Estate, Sha Tin and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice

The Government yesterday (February 22) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" effective from 2.30pm yesterday, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Sha Tin (i.e. Heng Fung House, Heng On Estate, Sha Tin, excluding Conservative Baptist Ming Yan Church, Conservative Baptist Heng On Bradbury Study Center and the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong Ma On Shan Women's Club on G/F.) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained.

Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from February 9 to February 22, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before February 24, 2022.

The Government announced the completion of the compulsory testing exercise at around 2pm today (February 23) and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 4.45pm today.

The Government provided simple food for persons subject to compulsory testing, so as to facilitate the dinner arrangements of some persons subject to compulsory testing.

The Home Affairs Department also set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled with the tireless efforts of the testing contractors, residents have been

