Government highly concerned about Cathay Pacific Airways data leakage incident

In response to media enquiries on the Cathay Pacific Airways data leakage incident, a spokesperson for the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau said today (October 26) that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is highly concerned about the incident. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) immediately initiated a compliance check and asked Cathay Pacific Airways to take prompt remedial measures.

"We have requested Cathay Pacific Airways to fully co-operate with the PCPD on the compliance check. We also hope that the PCPD will complete the check and make a report expeditiously so that Cathay Pacific Airways can comply with the requirements," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that the PCPD may serve an enforcement notice directing a person or organisation contravening the data protection principles under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (the Ordinance) to take remedial measures.

The HKSAR Government will jointly review with the PCPD the relevant requirements and penalties of the Ordinance, and consider how data protection and the notification arrangement relating to data leakage could be enhanced.