## <u>Government issues Red Outbound Travel</u> Alert on Iran

In view of the latest situation in Iran, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (January 10) issued a Red Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) on Iran.

A Government spokesman said, "Residents who intend to visit the country should adjust their travel plans and avoid non-essential travel, including leisure travel. Those already there should monitor the situation, exercise caution, attend to personal safety and avoid large gatherings of people."

The Security Bureau will closely monitor the situation there. Any update will be issued through the media and the bureau's Mobile App and OTA webpage <a href="https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota">www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota</a>.

Residents in Iran who need assistance may call the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit of the Immigration Department (ImmD) at (852) 1868 or contact the Chinese Embassy in Iran at the consular protection hotline: (98) 912-2176035.

Hong Kong residents are encouraged to use the online Registration of the Outbound Travel Information service (<a href="www.gov.hk/roti">www.gov.hk/roti</a>) of the ImmD to register their contact details and itinerary when outside Hong Kong. The information provided allows the ImmD to disseminate practical information to them through appropriate means, including SMS on mobile phones, on a timely basis when necessary.