

Government to distribute free reusable masks to all citizens (with photo)

The Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) announced today (May 5) that the Government will distribute free reusable CuMask+™ to all Hong Kong citizens.

The CuMask+™ is developed by the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel. It is a six-layer mask with special ergonomic features. Two of its layers contain copper which is capable of immobilising bacteria, common viruses and other harmful substances. The mask complies with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2100 Level 1 Standard in terms of particle filtration efficiency (PFE), bacterial filtration efficiency (BFE), resistance to penetration by synthetic blood, flammability and pressure resistance, and is reusable for up to 60 washes.

Except for babies and infants, all holders of valid Hong Kong identity cards are eligible to obtain a CuMask+™. Citizens simply need to register on the CuMask+™ website (qmask.gov.hk) from 7am tomorrow (May 6). The registration period will last until June 6 and each registration can cater for a maximum of six persons. In general, upon successful registration, the CuMask+™ will be delivered to the door by Hongkong Post within two weeks.

Primary and kindergarten students will each be given two masks. These child and child (small) sized CuMask+™ will be delivered directly to children's schools. Parents do not have to register for primary and kindergarten students online. The Government has also arranged delivery of over 140,000 CuMask+™ to residential homes and social welfare institutions for their distribution to those including elderly and the homeless.

For enquiries, members of the public may browse the CuMask+™ website (qmask.gov.hk) or call the hotline at 3142 2313.

