

# HAD appeals to public to prepare for cold spell

According to the Hong Kong Observatory's weather forecast for the next few days, Hong Kong may experience a sudden drop in temperatures, especially on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day when the temperature may drop sharply to around 7 to 8 degrees Celsius. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) today (December 29) appealed to members of the public to prepare for the cold weather.

In view of the cold weather and the situation of COVID-19, which remains severe, the elderly and people with chronic illness may face higher risks. As such, the HAD appeals to members of the public, especially the elderly and people with chronic illness, to dress warmly and stay at home as far as possible.

The HAD and District Offices have already touched base with local organisations, social welfare organisations, kai fong associations and more, and appealed to them to take the initiative to contact the elderly and people in need to remind them to expect cold weather, as well as to provide necessary assistance.

The elderly or people with chronic illness who need special meal arrangements in the coming few days can call the hotlines of the Social Welfare Department (Tel: 2343 2255) and the HAD (Tel: 2572 8427), or contact district organisations.