HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Tuen Mun, Wong Tai Sin and Yau Tsim Mong Districts

†<In light of positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from sewage samples collected in Tuen Mun, Wong Tai Sin and Yau Tsim Mong Districts, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) said today (December 21) that the Tuen Mun District Office (TMDO), the Wong Tai Sin District Office (WTSDO) and the Yau Tsim Mong District Office (YTMDO) have distributed a total of about 58 000 COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the Districts.

The TMDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Richland Garden and Melody Garden for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

The WTSDO also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Bay View Garden, Wealth Garden, Fortune Garden, Hing Yip Building, Choi Hung Villa, Man Tak House, Ngau Chi Wan Village, Lung Chi Path and Kam Chi Path (14-16, 21-23, 22-24 and 29-31) for voluntary testing through the property management companies and the Village Representative.

In addition, the YTMDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Florient Rise, Hoi Ming Court, Peony House North Block, Peony House East Block, Peony House West Block, 3-25A Ka Shin Street and 4-26A Pok Man Street for voluntary testing through the owners' corporations. The YTMDO also arranged to distribute rapid test kits to households living in "three-nil" buildings with positive sewage test results in the District.

The HAD made the above arrangements in the hope of identifying infected persons early.

Members of the public may refer to the demonstration video produced by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) under the Department of Health (DH) via <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzFAUzTtmKk</u> to learn how to use the rapid antigen test (RAT) kit.

Persons testing positive through an RAT should take a photo of the test result and declare the result within 24 hours via the Declaration System for Individuals Tested Positive for COVID-19 Using Rapid Antigen Test (<u>www.chp.gov.hk/ratp</u>). If members of the public encounter difficulties in using the online platform, they can call the automated system at 183 6119 to register their identification document and telephone number. The CHP under the DH will contact the relevant person later to complete the report procedure. There is no need to declare negative test results.

The Government appeals for the co-operation of members of the public to safeguard the health of themselves and their families by undergoing testing on a voluntary basis and fighting the virus together. The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or had contact with cases that tested positive), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons to reduce the transmission risks of COVID-19.