

[HKSAR search and rescue team leaves for Myanmar \(with photos/video\)](#)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government sent a 51-strong search and rescue team to the earthquake-stricken areas in Myanmar this afternoon (March 29) to assist in the search and rescue work.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee; the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung; the Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau; the Director of Immigration, Mr Benson Kwok; and the Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung, saw the search and rescue team off at Hong Kong International Airport. The Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority (HA), Dr Tony Ko, also attended and showed support to the team.

The team, led by Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the Fire Services Department (FSD), Mr Cheu Yu-kok, comprises 40 members of the FSD which include firemen, ambulancemen and fire services workshops personnel, as well as officers from the Security Bureau, the Immigration Department and the HA.

Bringing along two search and rescue dogs, the team is also taking approximately nine tonnes of equipment which includes life detectors and masonry cutting machines, an automatic satellite tracking antenna system which provides network connection, as well as the team members' daily necessities.

Upon arrival at Myanmar, the team will join local rescue teams to start search and rescue work.



