

## Home Affairs Department provides cleaning support services to old buildings and "three-nil" buildings under the pandemic (with photos)

The Home Affairs Departments (HAD) summed up today (February 11) the cleaning support services provided to old buildings and "three-nil" buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have owners' corporations (OCs) or any form of residents' organisations, or do not engage property management companies (PMCs)) for more than a year.

HAD said that maintaining building hygiene can enhance residents' quality of life and help reducing the risk of spreading and infecting COVID-19. To demonstrate good building management, HAD Headquarters and District Offices (DOs) have been providing one-off cleaning service to old buildings in need, including "three-nil" buildings, through various arrangements (including the District-led Actions Scheme) having regard to actual circumstances, and calling on them to keep good environmental hygiene.

To help fight against COVID-19, HAD Headquarters and DOs have enhanced the cleaning support services to old buildings and "three-nil" buildings for more than a year. From December 2020 to February 7, 2021, around 4 500 times of cleaning service had been provided to over 2 200 "three-nil" buildings.

As the pandemic persists recently, some buildings (including "three-nil" buildings) have reported confirmed cases or been subject to compulsory testing. HAD has since January 25, 2021 been providing one-off enhanced cleaning service to buildings in need. As at today, HAD provided enhanced cleaning service to over 140 buildings (around half of which were "three-nil" buildings) and is expected to provide services to another 70 buildings by end February 2021. Moreover, DOs have also contacted the management bodies of buildings which had confirmed cases or been included in the Compulsory Testing Notices to remind them to step up cleaning of their buildings. From the onset of the outbreak up to today, DOs contacted the relevant building management bodies over 7 900 times.

Besides, DOs have also issued letters to OCs in their districts to remind them to enhance the cleaning of their buildings, and that OCs or PMCs should follow the relevant guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection to clean and disinfect their buildings where confirmed COVID-19 cases are found.

The Chinese New Year is around the corner. In the coming new year, HAD Headquarters and DOs will continue to enhance cleaning support services to the old buildings and "three-nil" buildings to raise the awareness of the relevant owners and residents on good building management and maintaining environment hygiene, with a view to reducing the risk of spreading and

infecting COVID-19, and enabling the public to resume normal life as soon as possible.

