<u>Hongkong Post postman tests</u> preliminarily positive for COVID-19

Hongkong Post said today (February 12) that a postman of the General Post Office Delivery Office (GPO/DO) has tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The postman concerned was responsible for delivery work in parts of Lan Kwai Fong, Wo On Lane, Wing Wah Lane, D'aguilar Street and Wellington Street in Central. The GPO/DO is not open to the public. The postman last performed duties on February 11. He underwent temperature screening when attending work and his body temperature was normal. He wore a mask while working outdoors and inside the GPO/DO.

Upon notification of the case today, Hongkong Post immediately arranged for the co-workers of the postman concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing and thorough cleaning and disinfection of all the facilities and mail items pursuant to the guidelines set out by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH).

The GPO/DO will be temporarily closed from February 12 to 14. Hongkong Post has put up notices at the premises that the postman concerned had visited for delivery to notify the public of the situation. Mail delivery and iPostal Station services for the district (including Admiralty, Central, Sheung Wan, Kennedy Town, the Mid-Levels, the Peak, Shek Tong Tsui, Sai Wan and Sai Ying Pun) will be delayed during the said period. Hongkong Post apologises for the inconvenience caused. For enquiries, members of the public may call the Hongkong Post enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

Hongkong Post will continue to implement measures for social distancing and infection control at all postal facilities to safeguard the health of staff and the public, and maintain close liaison with the CHP of the DH. Staff members are also reminded to take note of their personal hygiene and stay vigilant at all times, and are advised to seek medical advice immediately in case of feeling unwell.