

Hongkong Post response to media enquiries about situation at Stanley Post Office

In response to media enquiries about the damage to the Stanley Post Office due to a traffic accident last night (May 5), Hongkong Post today (May 6) gave a reply as follows:

After learning of the incident last night, Hongkong Post immediately sent their staff to the scene to understand the situation and contacted the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) for an immediate inspection of the building structure. This morning, Hongkong Post staff, together with officers from the ArchSD and the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), inspected the site again. Although a preliminary assessment by the ArchSD found no risk of collapse to the overall structure of the post office, its front entrance and part of its external wall facing the street were damaged, and part of the wooden beams on the roof of its entrance were impaired due to the collision. While the posting box outside the post office was damaged, the mail items inside were intact and delivery was arranged. The Stanley Post Office has to be closed temporarily as the ArchSD and relevant departments still need to carry out a detailed survey in order to arrange for repair works.

To minimise the impact on the public, a temporary posting box was set up on site this morning to enable the general public to post mail, and a mobile office will be deployed at the space adjacent to the post office from tomorrow (May 7) to provide postal services, including the distribution of specimen bottles for the testing of COVID-19, as usual.

The ArchSD will seek professional advice from the AMO on the repair works of the Stanley Post Office, which is a Grade II historic building. Hongkong Post will recover the compensation cost in accordance with the established mechanism of the Government after investigation and assessment of the extent of damage.