

## HYAB expresses gratitude to Yau Tsim Mong District Care Teams and local community for their follow-up work in aftermath of Jordan fire

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau today (June 12) held the "Appreciation and Sharing Session for Yau Tsim Mong District Care Teams and Local Community for Follow-Up Work of No. 3 Alarm Fire in Jordan" to express gratitude to the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) in Yau Tsim Mong District for their follow-up work in the aftermath of the No. 3 alarm fire that broke out in Jordan in April this year. The Bureau also announced the launch of the Care Team Outstanding Service Awards Scheme.

Speaking at the Session, the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Miss Alice Mak, said Care Teams in Yau Tsim Mong District mobilised all 20 teams with over 200 members and volunteers for five consecutive days after the outbreak of the fire, taking turns to be on duty from dawn to dusk. They cared for the affected members of the public, fully demonstrating the "We Care We Serve" spirit. Government departments, and those affected, appreciated the care and efforts of the Care Teams.

Miss Mak said that Care Teams in the 18 districts have been deployed to respond to various incidents in the past, and the results of all aspects of work have been evident to everyone. To recognise and honour their service, the Government will launch the Care Team Outstanding Service Award Scheme. Several awards will be set up to respectively appreciate the Care Teams, the Care Team members, volunteers and partnering organisations that have provided outstanding services. Results are expected to be announced in the fourth quarter of this year, which is the first anniversary of the full operation of the Care Teams.

The Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam; the Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung; Acting Director of Home Affairs Mr Te Chi-wang; and the District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong), Mr Edward Yu, also attended the Session.