

Intellectual Property Department staff member tests positive for COVID-19

The Intellectual Property Department (IPD) today (February 20) said that a staff member tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member works in the Public Service Counter (PSC) of the IPD on 24/F, Wu Chung House (WCH), which has been closed to the public since February 7. She last worked in office on February 15, performing duties in support of the drop-box service. She has properly maintained social distancing with colleagues in contact, and has been wearing face masks and following infection control measures at work.

The IPD has required concerned staff of the same floor to undergo COVID-19 testing and work from home until a negative test result is obtained. Thorough cleansing and disinfection of the premises concerned has been completed. The IPD will continue to maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health in taking appropriate follow-up actions.

The drop-box service provided on 24/F, WCH will be suspended tomorrow (February 21) until February 23. Members of the public are advised to continue to access the services of the Registries through the IPD's E-filing System or send documents by post, and refer to notices posted on the IPD's website (www.ipd.gov.hk/eng/whats_new/news.htm) and the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Journal (www.ipd.gov.hk/eng/ip_journal_notice.htm) for details of the latest special work arrangement in place. For enquiries, please call the IPD's Hotline on 2961 6901/2961 6820.

During the pandemic, the IPD has been strictly implementing various infection control measures, and stepping up the cleaning and disinfection measures for the working environment. Staff members have been reminded to pay attention to their personal hygiene and stay vigilant at all times, and advised to seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.