<u>Latest arrangements of vaccination</u> programme

Under the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme officially launched on February 26, members of the public in the five priority groups, starting from today (March 1), can make online booking for receiving the Sinovac vaccine at the eight Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and the 18 general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority (HA) for the period until March 28. (List of the eight CVCs at Annex 1)

A Government spokesman said that the Department of Health today started distributing the first batch of the Sinovac vaccines to private doctors and clinics participating in the programme under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme. It is expected that these doctors and clinics can start providing the vaccination service to members of the public beginning from tomorrow (March 2). The list of participating private doctors and clinics that have made vaccine orders has been uploaded to the designated website of the programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk).

Members of the public can choose and make an appointment for vaccination direct with a private doctor or clinic under the programme, without going through the Government online booking system. When going for vaccination, one need to bring the identity document and proof for priority group.

For the Comirnaty vaccine, people in the priority groups can make reservations through the online booking system starting from March 3 for vaccination at the seven CVCs operated by the HA for the period from March 10 to 30. (List of the seven CVCs at Annex 2)

Information about the vaccination venues including CVCs, general outpatient clinics of the HA, private doctors and clinics participating in the programme are available at the Interactive Map Dashboard of COVID-19 (https://chp-dashboard.geodata.gov.hk/covid-19/zh.html) and the GeoInfo Map (https://www.map.gov.hk/gm). These information will be timely updated.

"Vaccination will protect ourselves and others and reduce the chance of outbreak of the epidemic in the community. We call on people in the five priority groups to get vaccinated as soon as possible so that Hong Kong's economy and people's lives can return to normal as soon as possible," the spokesman said.