<u>Latest arrangements on Hongkong Post</u> services

In response to the Government's announcement yesterday (March 21) about the re-adjustment of public services and special work arrangements for civil servants, Hongkong Post today (March 22) announced the latest arrangements on postal services from March 23 onwards.

In view of the constantly increasing public demand for the posting of mail items at counters since early March, all post offices will maintain their normal opening hours but advance their closing hours to 4pm from Monday to Friday, while their business hours on Saturdays will remain normal (except for the General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office and the Airport Post Office, which will advance their closing hours to 4pm on Saturdays). All forms of counter services will be available during these hours. Mobile post office services will be suspended.

In addition, Hongkong Post will maintain its mail delivery services (including that for Speedpost items) from Monday to Saturday but mail collection from posting boxes will only be provided on alternate days.

Due to the adjustment to business hours of post offices, members of the public requiring counter services may expect longer waiting times. Moreover, as airlines have made substantial adjustments to their flight frequencies, the public are advised to visit the Hongkong Post website at www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about_us/whats_new/service_delay_suspension/index.html for updates on the provision of airmail services.

Hongkong Post will continue to closely monitor the situation and make necessary arrangements in a timely manner.