## <u>Over 4 000 specimens collected under</u> <u>HAD's Tsz Wan Shan Testing Scheme</u> <u>today</u>

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) together launched the COVID-19 Community Testing Scheme in Tsz Wan Shan (Tsz Wan Shan Testing Scheme) and distributed specimen bottles and registration forms at Ching Tai House, Ching Wo House and the Ancillary Facilities Block in Tsz Ching Estate yesterday (July 28). The TWGHs collected 4 150 sets of registration forms and specimens in total today (July 29), and the specimens have been passed to the testing agency for conducting the testing. The collection of the specimens and registration forms today was smooth and orderly. The number of specimens are collected did not exceed the total number of household members as recorded by the Housing Department.

The HAD and the TWGHs today continued to distribute specimen bottles and registration forms at Ching Yi House, Ching Ming House, Ching Yuk House and Ching Tak House in Tsz Ching Estate. Residents were required to present a specified document identifying their residency and were allowed to collect the items once only. To avoid repeated collections by different members of a household, household units which had already collected the items were recorded.

A spokesperson for the HAD said, "We call on the residents to actively participate in the scheme and obtain the requisite number of items by their household size to avoid waste. We will distribute specimen bottles and registration forms at Lok Shun House, Lok Wong House and Lok Foon House in Tsz Lok Estate as well as Man Yue House and Man Tai House in Tsz Man Estate tomorrow (July 30)."

The Tsz Wan Shan Testing Scheme, which involves about 40 000 residents in 22 buildings, must be conducted in an orderly manner. Priority for testing will be accorded to residents of buildings with confirmed cases. Residents of other buildings in the estate should wait for the collection of specimen bottles and registration forms until testing is arranged for the building they reside in.