## <u>Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare tests positive for COVID-19</u>

A spokesman for the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) said today (December 20) that the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Ms Alice Lau, has tested positive for COVID-19 through a rapid antigen test. She is undergoing isolation in accordance with the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.

Ms Lau last went to work on December 16. She wore masks and followed relevant disease prevention measures at work, including conducting polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests regularly. She has no recent travel history.

The LWB will conduct thorough cleaning and disinfection operations at the office concerned and will continue to implement disease prevention measures vigorously.