## <u>Public may download local COVID-19</u> <u>records compatible with EU Digital</u> <u>COVID Certificate mechanism from March</u> 7

The Government announced today (February 21) that, starting from March 7, members of the public can download local vaccination, testing or recovery records compatible with the European Union Digital COVID Certificate (EU DCC) mechanism for outbound travel purposes via the <u>COVID-19 Electronic</u> <u>Vaccination and Testing Record System</u> (eVT) or the "iAM Smart" mobile application. A Government spokesperson reminded members of the public to ascertain the latest immigration requirements of their destinations, including those for vaccination or testing, before departure.

The EU DCC mechanism is recognised and is in common use across 27 EU member states and some 50 participating countries and territories (listed in Annex). Upon completion of technical onboarding, the EU announced today the inclusion of records issued by Hong Kong in specified formats in the EU DCC mechanism. Vaccination, testing or recovery records issued by Hong Kong in specified formats are recognised by EU member states as well as participating countries and territories of the EU DCC mechanism. Holders can present the records in an electronic format or have the electronic records printed in a paper format for travelling purposes.

Starting from March 7, members of the public who hold valid local vaccination, paid testing or recovery records can download relevant EU DCC mechanism-compatible records via the eVT by inputting their identity document number and other data required by the system. They can also download the relevant records after identity confirmation through the "iAM Smart" mobile application. Details of the downloading procedures will be available on the eVT website.