

Response by CS's Office to media enquiries

In response to media enquiries, a spokesman for the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office today (February 15) said that subsequent to the negative results indicated by the COVID-19 rapid tests conducted by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, and his family this morning, their deep throat saliva specimens submitted for tests also showed negative results.

The domestic helper at Mr Lee's home submitted deep throat saliva specimen for test and the result was positive. According to guidelines of the Department of Health, the helper is now in home isolation and is pending admission to hospitals or isolation facilities.

Mr Lee and his family were identified as close contacts after the assessment conducted by the Department of Health. Mr Lee and his family will undergo home quarantine for 14 days in accordance with the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme and they will undergo medical surveillance as required by the Scheme, including to conduct tests on specified days within the period.

The Chief Secretary for Administration's Office has also arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection for relevant locations, and arranged testing for other relevant staff in accordance with the advice of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.

Mr Lee underwent COVID-19 testing before attending the thematic meeting in Shenzhen last weekend, and the result was negative.

Mr Lee attended the Executive Council meeting this morning and had worn a surgical mask throughout the meeting.

Mr Lee will work from home during the quarantine period. He plans to attend the debate session on anti-epidemic work at the Legislative Council meeting tomorrow (February 16) by videoconferencing.