

SCS and USDEV visit construction site to inspect operation of outreach vaccination service (with photos/video)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip; the Under Secretary for Development, Mr Liu Chun-san; the Chairman of the Construction Industry Council (CIC), Mr Chan Ka-kui; and the President of the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), Mr Eddie Lam, today (May 27) visited a construction site office at Muk Long Street, Kai Tak, to inspect the operation of the Government's outreach COVID-19 vaccination service for site workers. They also expressed gratitude and support for the efforts of the construction industry in fighting the epidemic.

Mr Nip said, "Employees can protect themselves and their families by receiving COVID-19 vaccines. Such a move is also very important for the enterprises and organisations, and it can help safeguard the health of their employees and maintain normal business operations. The outreach vaccination service was launched last week and the Government has been getting in touch with various sectors, corporates and organisations with a view to providing a more effective and convenient way for their employees to get vaccinated through the leverage of these organisations."

Mr Liu said, "The construction industry has spared no efforts in its anti-epidemic efforts. Apart from enhancing anti-epidemic measures at construction sites and taking the initiative earlier this year to implement voluntary testing every two weeks, the industry has proactively encouraged construction personnel to receive vaccinations for better protection. Since the launch of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in late February, over 71 000 construction workers and resident site personnel have received the first dose of vaccine, which is equivalent to half of the population of those working at all construction sites in Hong Kong, and of which about 45 000 have received two doses of vaccines."

Mr Liu expressed gratitude to the main contractors of the construction sites of the Central Kowloon Route project and in the Kai Tak Development Area for their support for this outreach vaccination service. They have encouraged their workers to join and provided assistance to them, demonstrating the unity and commitment of the construction industry in the fight against the epidemic.

Mr Nip called on enterprises and organisations concerned from various sectors and trades to encourage their employees to get vaccinated. Should the enterprises and organisations have a sufficient number of employees who would like to receive vaccinations and a suitable venue with sufficient space, they can call the hotline for the outreach vaccination service at 3904 1490 for arrangements.

Also joining the visit were the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Mr Lam Sai-hung; the Director of Highways, Mr Jimmy Chan; the Executive Director of the CIC, Mr Albert Cheng; the Vice President of the HKCA, Mr Conrad Fung, and representatives of the participating main contractors.

This round of outreach vaccination service for the site workers of the Central Kowloon Route and the Kai Tak Development Area is available today and tomorrow (May 28) at a site office at Muk Long Street, Kai Tak. The BioNTech vaccine and Sinovac vaccine will be administered to the workers on May 27 and 28, respectively, by vaccination service teams currently operating Community Vaccination Centres. The service aims to provide convenience to site workers to receive vaccinations. It is estimated that around 500 doses will be administered over the two days.

