

Secretary for Transport and Housing distributes anti-epidemic service bags to public housing residents

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, today (April 2) visited Shek Kip Mei Estate to distribute anti-epidemic service bags to the residents to personally convey the caring of the Central Government and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and to provide residents with anti-epidemic supplies.

The Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing) cum Director of Housing, Miss Agnes Wong, the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport), Ms Mable Chan and the Under Secretary for Transport and Housing, Dr Raymond So Wai-man, also participated in the distribution of the anti-epidemic service bags.

The Government today started distributing anti-epidemic service bags to all households in Hong Kong. The Housing Department (HD) takes care of the distribution to public housing residents under its purview. Mr Chan visited three elderly tenants of Mei Cheong House in Shek Kip Mei Estate and handed over to them the service bags. He continued to distribute the bags to other households at the lobby of Mei Cheong House thereafter.

"Through the distribution of the service bags, the Government expressed its caring to the public and assisted them to fight the virus. I would like to express my appreciation of the enhanced anti-epidemic measures undertaken by colleagues of the HD in public housing estates continuously since the outbreak of the epidemic, including the cleansing and disinfection works at common areas, efforts in raising the awareness of tenants on anti-epidemic information by strengthening the promotion work and reminding them to pay attention to their personal and home hygiene. I am also grateful for the full co-operation and understanding of the public housing residents subject to the around 100 "restriction-testing declaration" operations co-ordinated by the HD during the past few months. In addition, I am grateful to my colleagues in the Transport Branch of the Transport and Housing Bureau for their efforts in ensuring the supply of daily necessities and anti-epidemic supplies for the public, especially the recent supplies from the Mainland to Hong Kong," Mr Chan said.

Each anti-epidemic service bag contains information on anti-epidemic measures, 20 sets of rapid antigen test kits, 20 KN95 masks and two packs of proprietary Chinese medicines. The HD will mobilise over 5 000 staff from various ranks to distribute about 800 000 service bags to the residents of about 1 320 building blocks in 191 public housing estates. To express concern for the elderly households, priority will be given to distributing the service bags to the 170 000 elderly-only households. The HD will also strengthen the support to the elderly amidst the epidemic by proactively

approaching the elderly-only households to offer care and support to them where appropriate.