## <u>Service suspension of Tuen Mun</u> <u>Registration of Persons Office on</u> <u>January 15 and January 22</u>

The Immigration Department (ImmD) today (January 13) said that in relation to a person who had visited the Tuen Mun Registration of Persons Office located at 3/F, Tuen Mun Siu Lun Government Complex, and had subsequently tested positive for COVID-19, the Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and published in the Gazette a compulsory testing notice (Notice), which requires any person who had been present at the relevant office from 10am to 10.30am on January 3 to undergo COVID-19 nucleic acid tests three times on January 11 or January 12, January 15 and January 22. In accordance with the Notice and the advice of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), the ImmD had arranged all staff of the office to undergo COVID-19 testing and conducted a thorough cleaning and sterilisation at the office on January 11. The ImmD will arrange all staff of the office to undergo additional tests on January 15 and January 22. The office will suspend service on January 15 and January 22. Public services of the office will be resumed on the next working day (January 17 and January 24).

Members of the public who have appointments at the Tuen Mun Registration of Persons Office on January 15 or January 22 may consider proceeding to the office in the other days without the need to make another appointment. Members of the public may also consider proceeding to other Registration of Persons Offices for identity card applications or the branch offices located at Fo Tan and Yuen Long for applying for identity cards and travel documents during the closure of the office. Information on the address and working hours of other Registration of Persons Offices and Branch Offices can be obtained at <a href="www.immd.gov.hk/eng/contactus/address.html">www.immd.gov.hk/eng/contactus/address.html</a>. For enquiries during the closure of the office, please contact the ImmD by calling the enquiry hotline 3521 6565 during office hours.

During the situation of COVID-19 infection, the ImmD has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of and providing alcohol-based handrub to all persons before their entry into ImmD offices, providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, requiring employees to wear masks when performing duties, and stepping up cleaning and sterilising measures for the working environment.

The ImmD will continue to maintain close liaison with CHP. The ImmD has also reminded its staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and stay vigilant. Staff have been reminded to seek medical advice and inform the department as soon as possible if feeling unwell.