<u>Six FSD staff members test</u> preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Fire Services Department (FSD) said today (February 10) that six staff members have tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. They are three firemen serving at the Mong Kok, Yau Tong and Airport Centre Fire Stations; two senior firemen serving at the Aberdeen and North Point Fire Stations; and a civilian staff member working at the Fire Services Department Mongkok Office Building. The FSD has been following up on the cases with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health and is waiting for further instructions from the CHP.

The staff members tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 yesterday (February 9) and today. Their last working days ranged between January 28 and yesterday.

The six staff members wore masks and followed the relevant disease prevention measures at work. They did not have high-risk contact with members of the public while at work. The FSD has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection at the premises concerned and in the vicinity, in accordance with the CHP's advice, and has maintained close liaison with the CHP in taking appropriate follow-up action.

The FSD has made arrangements on staff deployment to ensure that relevant services are not affected.

The FSD has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures during the epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.