## <u>Special work arrangement for</u> <u>Government departments</u>

A Government spokesman announced today (January 28) that special work arrangement for government departments will be implemented after the Lunar New Year holidays (starting from January 29) in order to reduce the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community. Except for staff of the departments providing emergency services and essential public services, all other employees of the Government are not required to return to the offices but to work at home after the holidays.

The measure will be implemented tentatively until February 2. The Government will review the situation before then.

The spokesman appealed to private sector organisations to make similar arrangements as far as practicable.

Individual government departments will announce the public services affected separately.