

Special work arrangements for government employees to be extended

As the local epidemic situation remains severe, it is necessary for the Government to continue to take measures to significantly reduce the flow of people and social contacts in the community so as to curb further spreading of the virus. A Government spokesman announced today (February 10) that the special work arrangements for government employees will be extended until February 18. Save for those involved in the provision of emergency services and essential public services and in anti-epidemic efforts, all other government employees will be arranged to continue to work from home as far as possible. The Government will closely monitor the epidemic situation and review the arrangements before February 18.

The spokesman said that during the implementation of the special work arrangements, Government departments will continue to provide emergency services and essential public services. Containing the fifth wave of the epidemic is now the Government's top priority. A large number of government employees have steadfastly dedicated themselves to the anti-epidemic efforts. Depending on the development of the epidemic situation and actual needs, departments will continue to proactively mobilise their staff members to support the anti-epidemic efforts in full force.

"The Government appeals to members of the public for their understanding on the inconvenience caused by the reduction in public services in view of the epidemic. Individual departments, having regard to the latest demand for their services, will make suitable arrangements and announcements separately. To reduce the flow of people in government buildings and offices, members of the public are encouraged as far as possible to use alternative means, such as the post, drop-in boxes or online channels, to receive the services they need. Meanwhile, members of the public should wear surgical masks at all times when they are entering or are present in any government buildings or offices, and comply with the infection control and social distancing measures implemented by relevant departments including using the 'LeaveHomeSafe' mobile app, temperature checks and crowd control arrangements."

The spokesman appeals to employers again to allow their staff members to work from home as far as possible so as to reduce the flow of people and social contact in the community.