

Statement by ITB on "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app

A spokesman for the Innovation and Technology Bureau today (February 19) expressed anger at an alliance using the excuse of "healthcare" to publicly disseminate false information concerning the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app in an attempt to mislead the public and interfere with anti-epidemic work.

The "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app does not require registration for use. The app does not have a tracking function, and venue check-in data will not be uploaded or transferred to the Government or any other systems. Such data are saved on users' mobile phones only. Matching of users' check-in data and the issuing of health alerts will only be carried out within the app. Users' whereabouts will not be disclosed to others. The app does not pose a risk to privacy. Given that the app has undergone and passed security risk assessment and auditing as well as privacy impact assessment conducted by independent third parties to ensure its compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, members of the public can feel at ease when using the app.