<u>Suspension of social visits to Castle</u> <u>Peak Bay Immigration Centre and Ma Tau</u> <u>Kok Detention Centre of the</u> <u>Immigration Department in light of</u> <u>epidemic development</u>

The Immigration Department (ImmD) today (February 4) said that in light of the deteriorating COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong, which has substantially increased the risk of large-scale outbreaks being caused by the introduction of a highly contagious variant virus strain into Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre and Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre of the Immigration Department, both of the Centres will suspend social visits to the detainees from tomorrow (February 5) until February 13 (Sunday) to ensure the safety of detainees and staff. During the period, the persons concerned may contact the staff of visit rooms of the respective Centres for follow-up by telephone in urgent cases.