<u>Temporary closure of EDB public</u> facilities from tomorrow

In line with the response level under the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance" being raised to Emergency Response Level and to prevent people from gathering, a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (January 28) that the following public facilities of the EDB will be temporarily closed to the public from tomorrow (January 29) until further notice:

- 1. Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, Special Education Resource Centre, Central Resources Centre and Young Achievers' Gallery located at Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre
- 2. Arts and Technology Education Centre (including STEM Education Centre)
- 3. School Places Allocation Section
- 4. Qualifications Framework Secretariat

As for the appointments already made for hearing services at Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre and related emergency services, the services will be provided as scheduled. The EDB will also contact the parents concerned and make necessary arrangements based on the situation of inbridual cases.

The spokesman added, "All Regional Education Offices and the Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres will continue to provide emergency services and essential public services. Members of the public who need these services may contact the service units concerned in advance. The School Places Allocation Section will also provide limited hotline services to handle enquiries."