<u>Temporary closure of FEHD's Airport</u> <u>Food Inspection Offices</u>

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (March 22) said that its Airport Food Inspection Offices (AFIOs) in Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal, 3 Chun Wan Road, and in Terminal 2, Asia Airfreight Terminal, will be temporarily closed this afternoon for thorough cleaning and disinfection because a staff member of the FEHD received a positive result when undergoing a COVID-19 rapid antigen test. Services are expected to gradually resume later in the afternoon after the completion of cleaning and disinfection work.

The staff member concerned is a health inspector of the FEHD and last performed duties on March 21. The staff member has been wearing masks and following relevant disease prevention measures at work.

The FEHD has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection work at relevant places in accordance with the Centre for Health Protection's advice, and will arrange for the staff concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing. Importers seeking consignment clearances may proceed to the AFIO located at South Office Block, Super Terminal 1, HACTL, Hong Kong International Airport.

The FEHD has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures during the epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.