<u>Temporary closure of Kowloon East Post</u> <u>Office</u>

Hongkong Post said today (February 19) that the Kowloon East Post Office is closed from today until February 22 for cleaning and disinfection as a contract cleansing staff of Kowloon East Government Offices has tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The cleansing staff's working area includes Kowloon East Post Office. She last performed duties on February 18. She underwent temperature screening when attending work and her body temperature was normal. She was wearing a mask while on duty.

Upon notification of the case, Hongkong Post immediately arranged for all staff members of the office concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing and thorough cleaning and disinfection of all the facilities and mail items of the office pursuant to the guidelines set out by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH).

As Kowloon East Post Office (including Post Office Box Lobby and iPostal Station) is closed, members of the public can access postal services at Kwun Tong Post Office (52 Hung To Road) nearby. Hongkong Post apologises for the inconvenience caused. For enquiries, members of the public may call the Hongkong Post enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

Hongkong Post will continue to implement measures for social distancing and infection control at all postal facilities to safeguard the health of staff and the public, and maintain close liaison with the CHP of the DH. Staff members are also reminded to take note of their personal hygiene and stay vigilant at all times, and are advised to seek medical advice immediately in case of feeling unwell.