

Three Hong Kong residents evacuated safely from Lebanon

â€œIn response to the latest situation in Lebanon, the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) has maintained contact with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (OCMFA), and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Lebanon (the Embassy) to follow up the situation. With the assistance of the Embassy, three Hong Kong residents have been evacuated from Lebanon safely by vessel and flight arranged by our country.

In view of the latest developments in Lebanon, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government raised the Outbound Travel Alert for Lebanon to black on September 30. The HKSAR Government advises Hong Kong residents to avoid all travel to Lebanon and reminds those already there to attend to personal safety and leave or relocate to relatively safe regions immediately.

The ImmD will continue to maintain close liaison with the OCMFA and the Embassy to monitor the latest development.

Hong Kong residents in Lebanon should attend to personal safety and pay attention to announcements made by local authorities and the Chinese Embassy there. Hong Kong residents there who need assistance may call the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit of the ImmD at (852) 1868, call the 1868 hotline using network data or use the 1868 Chatbot via the Immigration Department Mobile Application, send message to the 1868 WhatsApp assistance hotline, send message to the 1868 WeChat assistance hotline or submit the Online Assistance Request Form, or contact the Chinese Embassy there at its consular protection hotline: (961) 3866468.

Hong Kong residents are encouraged to use the online Registration of Outbound Travel Information service (www.gov.hk/roti) of the ImmD to register their contact details and itinerary when outside Hong Kong. The information provided allows the ImmD to disseminate practical information to them through appropriate means, including SMS on mobile phones, in a timely manner when necessary.