

## Chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in India back home departed from New Delhi

A chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in India back home departed from New Delhi at around 11pm on May 17 local time (1.30am on May 18 Hong Kong time) and is expected to arrive at Hong Kong International Airport at around 7am today (May 18). There are 249 Hong Kong residents on board, including seven children under two years of age. Upon arrival, the returnees will proceed to the Department of Health's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre at AsiaWorld-Expo by coaches for compulsory COVID-19 testing. After their deep throat saliva samples are collected, the returnees will be transferred by coaches to the quarantine centre at Chun Yeung Estate, Fo Tan, for a 14-day compulsory quarantine period.

The cost for taking the chartered flight is borne by the users. As the overall cost of the flight is lower than originally expected, and there are more people taking the flight than originally planned, the cost to be paid by each passenger is around HK\$3,800 (except for children who do not occupy a seat).