Chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in Pakistan back home departs from Islamabad

A chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in Pakistan back home departed from Islamabad at 9.55am local time (12.55pm Hong Kong time) today (April 30) and is expected to arrive at Hong Kong International Airport at around 7pm tonight. There are 319 passengers on board. 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 for a 14-day compulsory quarantine period.

The cost for taking the chartered flight is around HK\$6,000 per person and is borne by the users.