

First property developer participates in outreach vaccination (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, visited the headquarters of Sun Hung Kai Properties (SHKP) in Wan Chai today (June 15). During the visit, he and the Chairman and Managing Director of SHKP, Mr Raymond Kwok, jointly viewed the administering of a COVID-19 vaccine to staff members of the company as arranged by the Government's outreach vaccination service.

About 200 staff members of SHKP received the BioNTech vaccine. Staff members of SHKP were granted vaccination leave and allowed to take a rest at home on the day of vaccination and the following day.

"This is the first property developer to participate in the outreach vaccination service. Staff members of developers and their subsidiary property management companies have a wide range of contact with the public. People can protect themselves and their families by receiving COVID-19 vaccines. It can also safeguard the health of employees and maintain normal business operations. This will create a win-win-win situation for employers and employees as well as their customers," Mr Nip said.

Mr Nip called on various sectors and industries to join the Government in promoting the "Early Vaccination for All" campaign and encourage their employees to get vaccinated so as to help build an immune barrier in Hong Kong as soon as possible by significantly raising the vaccination rate during the three-month-long critical period from now until the end of August, thereby restoring normality to society sooner rather than later.

He said should enterprises and organisations have a sufficient number of employees who would like to get vaccinated and a suitable venue with sufficient space, they can make use of the outreach vaccination service so that their employees can be vaccinated in a more convenient way. Enterprises and groups can call the hotline for the outreach vaccination service at 3904 1490 from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 6pm, for arrangements.

There has been enthusiastic support for the outreach vaccination programme since it was launched by the Civil Service Bureau (CSB). Having provided the outreach vaccination service to the Hong Kong Sports Institute, global professional services enterprises and the construction industry, the CSB is now proactively in discussions with enterprises and groups from various sectors, including financial institutions, post-secondary institutions, public utilities and theme parks and the like on the feasibility of providing the service to them.

Mr Nip expressed his gratitude to the medical team and administrative support staff of the Community Vaccination Centre at Ho Man Tin Sports Centre for providing the outreach service today.

