

Government responds to inaccurate news report on COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

The Government noticed that an overseas media organisation published a report on July 12, alleging that the purchase agreement entered between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and Fosun Industrial Co., Limited (Fosun) had clauses which empowered Fosun to collect the personal information of vaccinated individuals in Hong Kong. A spokesperson for the Government today (July 13) clarified that the relevant report is completely untrue and expressed deep regret on the misleading report concerned.

The Government spokesman said, "In the purchase agreement entered between the HKSAR Government and Fosun, there are no clauses which empower or enable Fosun or any third party to collect, access, or via any means to obtain or use the personal information of vaccinated individuals. The HKSAR Government has always accorded great importance to personal data privacy, in particular the protection of medical records and relevant information. With respect to the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in Hong Kong, there are clear and stringent guidelines and procedures for the collection and use of personal information. The relevant requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance are also duly met. The "Statement of Purpose of Collection of Personal Data" in relation to the Vaccination Programme can be found on the website of the Centre for Health Protection (www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/poster_cvc_data_collection.pdf)."