

HAD briefs Heung Yee Kuk on Government's anti-epidemic works in New Territories rural areas

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) today (February 22) was invited to join the meeting of the Full Council of Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) by video conferencing, to explain the Government's anti-epidemic works carried out in rural areas in the New Territories, including COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, different testing arrangements, provision of rapid test kits, and support to persons undergoing home quarantine under the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme through telephone hotline services.

HAD listened to the views on the Government's anti-epidemic works expressed by HYK at the meeting. To support the anti-epidemic work in rural areas, special arrangement has been made by HAD to provide 10 000 sets of COVID-19 rapid test kits to HYK for distribution to residents in need in various villages.

HAD briefed the meeting about the vaccination arrangement in rural areas and appealed for their continuous support of promoting COVID-19 vaccination in the rural community. In addition to vaccination centres, mobile vaccination stations and the designated private doctors and clinics, the District Offices in the New Territories will continue to organise more vaccination events in different areas to facilitate vaccination by the rural community. In view of the needs in remote villages, the Islands District Office has also arranged boats to deliver vaccines and related equipment to the areas concerned for providing vaccination services.

HAD expressed gratitude to the HYK and the rural community for their co-operation and support in fighting against the epidemic together such that different anti-epidemic measures could be implemented successfully.