

Home Affairs Department and Centre of Health Protection of Department of Health jointly arranged briefing on infection control under "StayHomeSafe" Scheme for property management sector (with photo)

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) jointly arranged a briefing on infection control under the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme on February 7 in a video conference to brief over 700 representatives from the property management (PM) sector and the related professional bodies on the infection control advice particularly formulated for PM practitioners.

In view of the latest development of the epidemic situation, the Government has already announced that the Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre will start service as a community isolation facility. Meanwhile, the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme will be implemented in parallel, under which those close contacts and persons living together with the close contacts of COVID-19 confirmed cases, who have to undergo 14-day or 4-day quarantine, will change from staying at quarantine facilities to home quarantine.

In support of the implementation of the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme, the HAD and the CHP of DH jointly arranged a briefing yesterday afternoon on the infection control advice particularly formulated for the PM practitioners (see Annex). The briefing was delivered by the Controller of CHP of DH, Dr Edwin Tsui, and Senior Nursing Officer of the Infection Control Branch of CHP of DH, Mr Anthony Ng, and covered various issues, including the following main points –

(a) how couriers can safely deliver items (such as food and necessities) to the household under home quarantine in accordance with the health protocols as advised by the CHP of DH;

(b) assistance to be rendered by PM practitioners to couriers in delivering goods or PM practitioners to help deliver the goods directly to the households; and

(c) how the households under home quarantine should handle waste and leave their units to dispose waste.

Over 700 representatives from the PM sector and related professional bodies participated in the briefing, including representatives from the Property Management Services Authority, Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society, The Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch, Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators, The Hong

Kong Association of Property Management Companies, The Hong Kong Association of Property Services Agents, The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management, The Hong Kong Institute of Housing, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Housing Managers Registration Board, International Facility Management Association Hong Kong Chapter, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Hong Kong Property Services Alliance. The PM sector welcomed this briefing and expressed support to the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme and full co-operation with the arrangements as promulgated by the Government.

The infection control advice particularly formulated for the PM practitioners by the CHP of DH under the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme will be uploaded to the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk) and the website of the Property Management Services Authority (www.pmsa.org.hk).

