

## Outsourced staff member of TCAB Secretariat tests positive for COVID-19

The Security Bureau today (January 20) said that an outsourced staff member working in the Secretariat of the Torture Claims Appeal Board/Non-refoulement Claims Petition Office has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The staff member is responsible for providing security services at the office of the Secretariat located at 22/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, and he last performed duties on January 15. He was a close contact of a confirmed case on January 17. The staff member wore appropriate protective equipment while performing duties. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

This office was closed immediately for thorough cleaning and disinfection. Staff as needed will also be arranged to undergo COVID-19 testing.

The Centre for Health Protection has commenced epidemiological investigations and conducted contact tracing on the case so as to identify and trace relevant close contacts.

The Security Bureau is highly concerned about the COVID-19 situation and has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures during the epidemic, which include providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, stepping up the cleaning and sanitising measures of the working environment, and reminding all staff members again to maintain personal hygiene and be vigilant at all times.