

Pressing ahead at full steam for commissioning of Tsing Yi community isolation facility (with photos)

Construction of the community isolation facility (CIF) in Tsing Yi, supported by the Central Government, commenced last week and the facility has been largely completed in recent days. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, today (February 28) convened an inter-departmental meeting, followed by a video conference with the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (LOCPG) and the contractor, to press ahead at full steam for the commissioning of the aforesaid CIF and ensure that the ancillary facilities can accommodate emergency needs.

During the inter-departmental meeting, Mr Lee was briefed on the construction progress of the Tsing Yi community isolation facility and the preparatory works on daily management of the facility by the Development Bureau and the Security Bureau respectively. The Food and Health Bureau also reported on the preparatory work and support for medical personnel who will provide services at the facilities.

Mr Lee pointed out that in view of the severe epidemic situation, there is a serious shortage of CIFs. He instructed all relevant bureaux and departments to make every effort to prepare for the speedy setting up of the Tsing Yi CIF so that it can be commissioned as soon as possible after the contractor hands over the facility, to receive infected persons with no or mild symptoms and other persons who need to be isolated.

Mr Lee subsequently had a video conference with Deputy Directors of the LOCPG Mr Chen Dong and Mr Yin Zonghua as well as the contractor, China State Construction International Holdings Limited, to make final preparations for handing over of the Tsing Yi CIF. He expressed gratitude to the LOCPG for its all-out co-ordination and China State Construction International Holdings Limited for its great efforts in constructing the project so that the facility can be completed for handover in just around a week, delivering around 3 900 additional beds for emergency community isolation, and contributing immensely to stabilising Hong Kong's epidemic situation.

