

Rioters block Tin Sau Road in Tin Shui Wai with miscellaneous objects

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

At around 6.30pm today (February 15), rioters occupied Tin Sau Road in Tin Shui Wai and built barricades with rubbish bins, wooden boards, foam boxes and debris to block multiple carriageways. Vehicles passing through the carriageways rolled over these miscellaneous objects. Such acts paralysed traffic in the area and posed a grave threat to road safety.

Police swiftly attended the scene to remove the trash. Police will not condone any unlawful act and warn rioters to stop breaching public peace.

EDB clarification

Regarding a news report alleging that international schools are allowed to flexibly resume classes, a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) said today (February 15) that the allegation is misleading, adding that classes of all schools remain suspended and would not resume before March 16. The exact date of class resumption is subject to further assessment.

The spokesman explained that in view of the situation of the novel coronavirus infection, the EDB has decided that classes of all schools remain suspended but schools should keep their premises open and step up cleansing with a view to taking care of some students in need.

As regards schools offering non-local curriculum, including international schools, most of the international public examinations of the courses concerned will take place later than the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination. Hence, the teaching of some courses for the graduating classes and some coursework for school-based assessments required by these public examinations have not yet been completed. As compared to overseas students sitting for the same public examinations, the EDB understands that the above situation would have great impact on students in Hong Kong. In this regard, if schools have put in place all necessary preventive measures and allow parents to decide whether to let their children return to schools, the EDB has no objection for schools to flexibly arrange the graduating students sitting for the imminent international public examinations to attend the necessary tutorial sessions and assessment

activities.

In addition, taking into consideration that graduating students of non-local curriculum have to sit for related international public examinations for further studies or career development, the EDB agreed to allow these schools to serve as examination centres of these examinations. However, these schools should make reference to the preventive measures to be adopted by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) for this year's HKDSE Examination.

The EDB trusts that school management, principals and teachers, as education practitioners, will put the well-being of students as their prime concern and strike a balance between the needs of students for further studies and protection from the epidemic.

The spokesman emphasised that the above-mentioned arrangements apply to the graduating class only, and that students of other grades should study at home, e.g. by means of e-learning, during class suspension. The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, met with representatives of schools offering non-local curriculum yesterday (February 14), during which he had explained in detail the basic principles and arrangements for class suspension and responded to their queries and concerns.

Regarding the HKDSE Examination, the teaching of the relevant courses has been completed. Students have also in general completed the coursework for school-based assessment. If there are individual cases of unfinished school-based assessment, the HKEAA has a mechanism to handle them.

The EDB understands that some secondary schools have not conducted internal mock examinations for the HKDSE Examination before classes were suspended, but these examinations are not indispensable and there are other feasible alternatives. Therefore, under the current circumstances, it is not appropriate to hold them on school premises. The same principle applies to schools offering non-local curriculum.

[HA seriously condemns malicious behaviours of damaging general outpatient clinic](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an incident of vandalism causing damages to a general outpatient clinic, the Hospital Authority (HA) issued the following statement today (February 15):

The incident has caused damages to the Tai Po Jockey Club General Outpatient Clinic on Ting Kok Road, Tai Po this morning. An HA spokesperson seriously condemned the repeated malicious behaviours of damaging the general outpatient clinic, which would affect the safety of healthcare staff and patients.

The spokesperson said that damaging medical facilities would affect the clinic's operations and compromise patient safety.

The HA urged a stop to the act of vandalism and had referred the incident to the police, apart from stepping up the security of the clinic.

[Supplementary information concerning driver of Hongkong Post's contractor suspected of novel coronavirus infection](#)

ã€€ã€€In respect of the announcement made yesterday about a driver of Hongkong Post's contractor serving Chai Wan Delivery Office with a family member confirmed with the novel coronavirus infection, Hongkong Post today (February 15) provided further information on the case as follows:

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ã€€ã€€The test result has been confirmed to be negative for the driver. This is therefore not an infected case.

[Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-related cases](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (February 15), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 45 patients (23 male and 22 female, aged 12 months to 83 years) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of severe respiratory disease associated with a novel infectious agent. Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent for testing. There are 120 patients under isolation currently.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.