

## New York Asian Film Festival showcases vibrancy of Hong Kong cinema

The vibrant and versatile Hong Kong cinema will continue to shine on the world stage at the upcoming New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF) running from today (August 6) to August 22 (New York Time). This year, the Hong Kong Panorama film series will feature 15 Hong Kong films with screenings taking place online, in-theatre and outdoors.

The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York (HKETONY), Ms Candy Nip, said that the collection of movies this year is exhilarating. They fully exhibit the diversity of our homegrown film talents from across different generations. The NYAFF will honour legendary Hong Kong filmmaker Ann Hui with the Variety Star Asia Lifetime Achievement Award during the festival. Director Hui's two earlier works, "The Story of Woo Viet" and "Boat People", will be among the highlights. Man Lim-chung's "Keep Rolling" will enable the audience to take an up-close look into the world of Director Hui.

In addition, Gordon Lam Ka-tung, one of Hong Kong's most all-round and prolific actors, will be presented with the Variety Star Asia Award by the NYAFF. The audience will also have an opportunity to appreciate the final work of director Benny Chan, "Raging Fire".

On August 11, the HKETONY, in partnership with the NYAFF and Film at Lincoln Center, will present a free outdoor screening of Hong Kong's wuxia classic "New Dragon Gate Inn" by Raymond Lee at the Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center.

For the full lineup of this year's Hong Kong Panorama at the NYAFF, please visit website: [www.hketousa.gov.hk/usa/arts-cultural/hkpanorama.html](http://www.hketousa.gov.hk/usa/arts-cultural/hkpanorama.html).

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## Special announcement on fire in Yuen Long

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement as soon as possible, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

A fire broke out at a warehouse at Pak Sha Tsuen in Yuen Long at 9.54pm today (August 6). The Fire Services Department is conducting a firefighting operation. Members of the public who are being affected by the smoke and an

unusual odour carried by the wind are advised to stay indoors, close their doors and windows, and stay calm.

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## Government gazettes compulsory testing notice and specifications under Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation

â€‹The Government exercises the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and gazettes a compulsory testing notice and specifications, which require any person who had been present at 17 specified premises during the specified period (persons subject to compulsory testing) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test, and continue to empower a registered medical practitioner to require any person whom he or she clinically suspects has contracted COVID-19 to undergo a test during a period of 14 days from August 7 to August 20, 2021.

### Compulsory testing notice

A preliminary positive case arriving from the United States who had lived in Hong Kong within the past 21 days was detected today (August 6). The case involved L452R mutant strain. A total of 12 specified premises visited by the case are included in the compulsory testing notice. For prudence's sake, the above compulsory testing requirement applies to those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course as well.

In view of a non-locally confirmed case who had lived in Hong Kong, one specific premises is also included in the compulsory testing notice. Persons who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

Furthermore, in relation to the previous imported cases with L452R mutant strain, any person who had been present at four specified premises during the specified period has to undergo additional testing. For prudence's sake, the above compulsory testing requirement applies to those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course as well.

If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above is hoisted, or the Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or the post-super typhoon "extreme

conditions" announcement by the Government is in force at any time during the period for undergoing the compulsory testing, the period for undergoing the compulsory testing will be extended for one day.

Details of the compulsory testing notice are in Annex 1.

Subsequent to the announcement by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) on the updated quarantine arrangements of local COVID-19 cases with a mutant strain, persons who resided or worked within the same building as the residence of relevant cases will be subject to compulsory testing on the third, seventh, 12th and 19th days counting from the announcement of the relevant confirmed case by the Department of Health (DH). Relevant persons have to undergo testing on specified dates. They will also be required to undergo self-monitoring until the 21st day (see the details of the buildings and dates of testing at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/CTN\\_Specified\\_premises\\_and\\_Dates\\_of\\_Testing.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/CTN_Specified_premises_and_Dates_of_Testing.pdf)). For prudence's sake, the above compulsory testing requirement applies to those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course as well.

In accordance with the compulsory testing notice issued earlier, all household members of close contacts are required to undergo compulsory testing. Any person who had lived with a person placed under quarantine pursuant to section 22 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) (person under quarantine) in the same residential unit on the date of commencement of quarantine or during the 14 days before that day, and who becomes aware of the quarantine of the person under quarantine when the relevant quarantine has not yet been completed, has to undergo testing within two days of him or her becoming aware that the person under quarantine has been placed under quarantine and report to the Government the result of the test by phone (6275 6901), fax (2530 5872) or email ([ct@csb.gov.hk](mailto:ct@csb.gov.hk)) within three days of undergoing the test. For prudence's sake, the above compulsory testing requirement applies to those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course as well.

Community testing centres (CTCs) provide testing services for the public, including free service for persons subject to compulsory testing. Booking and walk-in services are available. Members of the public only need to provide simple personal information on the 24-hour booking system ([www.communitytest.gov.hk/en](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en)). The system shows the booking status of the centres for the coming three weeks to facilitate the public's planning and selection of a suitable testing centre and a time slot for testing. The testing centres will accord priority to serve individuals with advance bookings. As of 6pm today, there were around 24 000 booking places available for tomorrow (August 7) at the CTCs, and around 85 per cent and 91 per cent availability for booking places for the coming seven days and 14 days respectively. Members of the public may call the testing centres for enquiries on the availability of bookings or walk-in quotas before visiting the centres.

The Government will extend the service period of the following mobile specimen collection stations:

- The service period of the mobile specimen collection station at Kin Sang Community Hall in Tuen Mun will be extended to August 10 (Tuesday).
- The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at Lai Kok Community Hall in Cheung Sha Wan; MacPherson Playground in Mong Kok; Arthur Street Temporary Playground in Yau Ma Tei; Tin Shui Sports Centre in Tin Shui Wai and Tai Po Community Centre will be extended to August 15 (Sunday).
- The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at Edinburgh Place in Central; Wong Tai Sin Square and Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan will be extended to August 22 (Sunday).

The Government will set up mobile specimen collection stations at Carpark of Quarry Bay Community Hall and Taikoo Park outside One Island East tomorrow to provide free testing service for local residents and workers subject to compulsory testing. Outdoor mobile specimen collection stations will be closed if the Strong Wind Signal No. 3 or Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted while all mobile specimen collection stations together with all CTCs will be closed when the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal or higher or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted.

Coupled with 18 CTCs, there will be a total of 32 CTCs/mobile specimen collection stations in various districts tomorrow to provide free service for persons subject to compulsory testing. The testing capacity should be sufficient to meet the demand. The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are stated in Annex 2. Persons subject to compulsory testing and those with the "LeaveHomeSafe" COVID-19 exposure notification or SMS notification from the CHP reminding them to undergo testing as soon as possible may receive free testing at CTCs or mobile specimen collection stations (if the service scope is applicable).

Persons subject to compulsory testing may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

1. To visit any of the mobile specimen collection stations (see the list and target groups (if applicable) at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html)) for testing;
2. To attend any of the CTCs (see the list at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en));
3. To obtain a deep throat saliva specimen collection pack from any of the 121 post offices, vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations or 47 designated general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority and return the specimen to one of the designated specimen collection points (see the distribution points and times, and the specimen collection points and times, at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html));
4. To undergo testing at any of the GOPCs of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority;
5. To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories which are recognised by the DH and can issue SMS notifications in respect of test

results (see the list at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List\\_of\\_recognised\\_laboratories\\_RTPCR.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf)); or 6. To use a specimen bottle distributed to the relevant specified premises by the CHP (if applicable), and return the specimen bottle with the sample collected as per relevant guidelines.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau cautioned that testing received at the Accident and Emergency Departments of the Hospital Authority or during hospital stays, or testing provided by private laboratories which cannot issue SMS notifications in respect of test results, does not comply with the requirements of the aforementioned compulsory testing notice.

"If persons subject to compulsory testing have symptoms, they should seek medical attention immediately and undergo testing as instructed by a medical professional. They should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the CTCs."

Persons subject to compulsory testing must keep the SMS notifications containing the result of the test for checking by a law enforcement officer when the officer requires the persons to provide information about their undergoing the specified test. Furthermore, persons subject to testing under the compulsory testing notices should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible. Any enquiries on compulsory testing arrangements may be addressed to the hotline at 6275 6901, which operates daily from 9am to 6pm. If persons subject to compulsory testing plan to conduct testing at any of the CTCs, they can check the centre's appointment status in advance. The hotlines of the CTCs are available at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info).

Relevant specifications for compulsory testing for persons clinically suspected to have contracted COVID-19

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According to expert advice, compulsory testing for symptomatic patients can effectively slow down the transmission of the virus by early identification, early isolation and early treatment. To keep the epidemic situation under control, the Government considers it necessary to continue to solicit help from medical practitioners in identifying possibly infected persons as soon as possible.

During the period of 14 days from August 7 to August 20, 2021, registered medical practitioners may, by a written direction, require a person whom the medical practitioner attends to in the course of professional practice and clinically suspects to have contracted COVID-19 to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test. Persons who receive the written direction (persons who are subject to testing under written directions) should undergo a test within two days after the issue date of the written direction (the testing deadline).

Persons who are subject to testing under written directions may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

(1) To use the specimen bottle provided by the registered medical practitioner who issued the written direction to collect a deep throat saliva specimen and submit the specimen bottle to designated specimen collection points by the testing deadline (see the specimen collection points and time at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html)). Having reported the case to the DH, the registered medical practitioner who issued the written direction will be notified of the test result; or

(2) To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories recognised by the DH (see the list at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List\\_of\\_recognised\\_laboratories\\_RTPCR.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf)) by the testing deadline and submit the test result to the medical practitioner who issued the written direction or his clinic staff by electronic mail, fax, or by hardcopy within four days after the testing deadline.

For example, if the written direction is issued on Monday, the person subject to testing under the written direction should undergo a test via one of the above options on or before Wednesday, the testing deadline. If the test result of the specimen is preliminary positive, the specimen will be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the DH for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the CHP of the DH.

"Persons who are subject to testing under written directions are suspected to be infected and should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the CTCs for testing. To reduce transmission risk, relevant persons who underwent testing are advised to stay at home and avoid going out when waiting for test results."

Any person who fails to comply with the testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

Relevant officers of different government departments are empowered to perform certain functions under the relevant Regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), including requesting individuals to provide information and assistance when necessary. Any person who fails to comply with the relevant request commits an offence and would be liable to a fine at level 3 (\$10,000). Collection and use of any personal data for conducting COVID-19 tests must meet the requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Government departments or testing service providers which handle the relevant information may provide the data to the DH or other relevant departments for anti-epidemic purposes as necessary. The workflow does not involve the provision of any personal data to organisations or persons outside Hong Kong.

The spokesman said, "The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health conditions, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or contacted confirmed cases), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons."

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## 251 nomination forms for Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections received today

The nomination period for the 2021 Election Committee (EC) Subsector Ordinary Elections runs from today (August 6) until August 12. A total of 226 nomination forms for candidates and 25 nomination forms for designated bodies were received by the Returning Officers for various subsectors today.

If there is contested election for a EC subsector, a poll will be held for that subsector on September 19.

The breakdown of nominations by subsectors with members to be returned by election is set out below:

First Sector	
Subsector	No. of nomination forms for candidates received today
Catering	16
Commercial (first)	0
Commercial (second)	0
Commercial (third)	0
Employers' Federation of Hong Kong	0
Finance	12
Financial services	0
Hotel	1
Import and export	0
Industrial (first)	0
Industrial (second)	0
Insurance	7
Real estate and construction	5
Small and medium enterprises	0

Textiles and garment	0
Tourism	17
Transport	0
Wholesale and retail	0
Second Sector	
Subsector	No. of nomination forms for candidates received today
Accountancy	0
Architectural, surveying, planning and landscape	0
Chinese medicine	15
Education	0
Engineering	14
Legal	0
Medical and health services	0
Social welfare	0
Sports, performing arts, culture and publication	0
Technology and innovation	0
Third Sector	
Subsector	No. of nomination forms for candidates received today
Agriculture and fisheries	0
Associations of Chinese fellow townsmen	1
Grassroots associations	4
Labour	36
Fourth Sector	
Subsector	No. of nomination forms for candidates received today
Heung Yee Kuk	27
Representatives of members of Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees, and District Fire Safety Committees of Hong Kong and Kowloon	17
Representatives of members of Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees, and District Fire Safety Committees of the New Territories	0
Fifth Sector	



Subsector	No. of nomination forms for candidates received today
Representatives of Hong Kong members of relevant national organisations	54
Total:	226

Besides, 25 nomination forms from subsectors with members to be returned by nomination are received, with breakdown as below:

Accountancy	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
Association of Hong Kong Accounting Advisors Limited	0
Chinese medicine	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
WFCMS (Hong Kong) Council Members Association Limited	1 (18 nominees in total)
Legal	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
China Law Society's HK Council Members Association	1 (9 nominees in total)
Sports, performing arts, culture and publication	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	0
China Federation of Literary and Art Circles Hong Kong Member Association Limited	0
Hong Kong Publishing Federation Limited	0
Technology and innovation	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
The Greater Bay Area Association of Academicians	0

Religious	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	0
Chinese Muslim Cultural and Fraternal Association	0
Hong Kong Christian Council	0
The Hong Kong Taoist Association	0
The Confucian Academy	0
The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	1 (13 nominees in total)
Representatives of associations of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland	
Designated body	No. of nomination forms received from designated bodies today
Mainland China (Shenzhen) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Mainland China (Guangzhou) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Mainland China (Dongguan) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Mainland China (Zhongshan) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Mainland China (Huizhou) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Mainland China (Fujian, Xiamen) Consultant Services Centre, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China-Tianjin	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China-Shanghai	1 (2 nominees in total)

Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Zhejiang	0
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Guangdong	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Fujian	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Guangxi	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Sichuan	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Wuhan	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Liaoning	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China–Shandong	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong Professionals (Beijing) Association	1 (2 nominees in total)
Shanghai Hong Kong Association	0
Guangzhou Tianhe Hong Kong and Macau Youth Association	0
Hong Kong Association of China Business	0
Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, Qianhai, Shenzhen	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong and Macau Entrepreneurs Branch, Chongqing Overseas Association	1 (2 nominees in total)
Fujian Federation of Overseas Chinese Entrepreneurs	1 (2 nominees in total)
Hong Kong and Macao Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Federation in Zhongkai Huizhou	1 (2 nominees in total)
The Hong Kong Fellowship in Huadu Guangzhou	0
The Hong Kong Fellowship in Chancheng Foshan	1 (2 nominees in total)
Total:	25 (84 nominees in total)

Particulars of the nominees will be uploaded to the election website ([www.elections.gov.hk](http://www.elections.gov.hk)).

## Hongkong Post's response to media enquiries

In response to media enquiries of today (August 6) about the arrangements of vaccination for staff of Hongkong Post and its manpower deployment, Hongkong Post gave a reply as follows:

Hongkong Post has been supporting all the anti-epidemic measures introduced by the Government and strongly encourages staff of all ranks to go for vaccination as early as possible, so as to build an immune barrier in the community. To tie in with the measure of "vaccination leave" introduced by the Government which gives staff sufficient time for rest after vaccination, Hongkong Post has deployed internal resources, on the premise of not causing any impact on postal services as far as possible, for necessary arrangements in view of the overall manpower situation and operational needs.

Hongkong Post has made flexible manpower deployment based on the ratio of vaccination of its staff in respective divisions and sections. In view of the rising number of vaccination appointment in recent days, further efforts have been made to employ extra postal staff who have recently retired to take up short-term duty on contract basis, with a view to increasing the supplementary workforce. To minimise the impact on public services, a system of daily quota on "vaccination leave" has been put in place for each frontline division and section to facilitate manpower planning. Hongkong Post has been closely communicating with staff of all ranks with respect to these arrangements.

Hongkong Post has to reiterate that all its staff are entitled to "vaccination leave" for receiving each dose of COVID-19 vaccine on or before August 31 according to the prevailing arrangements announced by the Civil Service Bureau (CSB).

As at yesterday (August 5), over 3 800 staff out of 6000 (about 63 per cent) of Hongkong Post have at least taken one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while around 1 060 staff (about 18 per cent) has booked for their first dose on or before August 16. By then (i.e. August 16), more than 80 per cent of Hongkong Post's staff would have received at least one dose of vaccine. Hongkong Post will continue to encourage its staff to receive vaccination as early as possible.

The spokesperson of Hongkong Post said, "Since the outbreak of COVID-19, our staff of all ranks give their full support and co-operation to the Government's anti-epidemic measures. We offer our due recognition for the endeavours our team made for this."

With regard to manpower planning, Hongkong Post draws up its manpower plan every year taking into account its operational needs, business development and estimated mail traffic. It also ensures the efficient and

proper use of resources under the CSB's mechanism. In the course of recruitment or manpower deployment, Hongkong Post will consider whether the service demands are short-term or seasonal in nature, or whether the duties are time-limited, in addition to the consideration given to its business nature and operational needs. When vacancies arise, Hongkong Post will review its manpower situation based on the actual operational needs in a prudent manner, and make internal manpower deployment or assess whether the vacancies need to be filled and at what time if so required. In fact, Hongkong Post has conducted recruitment exercises for vacancies of different ranks over the past few years and filled the vacancies as appropriate. In addition, Hongkong Post has also been working on the ratio of leave reserve based on the CSB's mechanism to meet the operational needs arising from absence of staff due to taking of vacation leave and sick leave.

Hongkong Post has been operating as a trading fund department since 1995 and its key difference with conventional vote-funded government departments is the accounting arrangements. Operating on a self-financing basis, Hongkong Post can retain the revenue generated from its business to cover the cost of service provision. This mode of operation enables Hongkong Post to make use of resources more flexibly and fulfill its role as a logistics service provider. Hence, it can closely follow the needs of the market promptly and provide services that cater for the public and the business sector. Hongkong Post can also subsidise the universal postal services with the profit generated, and continue to provide reliable services for the community at large with reasonable prices.