

US Dollar Liquidity Facility tender notice

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

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Tender date	: February 3, 2021 (Wednesday)
Tender submission time	: 9am to noon
Settlement date	: February 4, 2021 (Thursday)
Repayment date	: February 11, 2021 (Thursday)
Tenor	: Seven Days
Amount on offer	: US\$10,000 Million

Note: Licensed Banks interested in participating in the tender for the first time are encouraged to provide US dollar settlement instructions by email (settlementsection@hkma.gov.hk) to the HKMA's Settlement Team in advance, preferably two days prior to the tender. Required information includes name of corresponding bank, name of final beneficiary (must be the Licensed Bank participating in the tender), and account or CHIPS number of a US dollar bank account to be settled in the US. Such information needs to be provided once only, unless there is further change.

Government enforces “restriction-testing declaration” and compulsory testing notice in respect of specified “restricted area” in Kwun Tong (with photos)

The Government yesterday (January 31) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" (declaration) effective from 7pm yesterday, by which people within the specified "restricted area" in Kwun Tong (i.e. Block 5, 31 Laguna Street and Block 7, 27 Laguna Street, Laguna City, Lam Tin) are required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing are required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area have undergone testing and the test results are mostly

ascertained. In addition, the Government had issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday to any person who had been present at the buildings for more than two hours from January 29 to 31, 2021, to undergo compulsory testing before 2am today even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect. The Government finished the compulsory testing exercise at around 7.30am today (February 1) and is now carrying out enforcement actions in the "restricted area" to verify that all people in the "restricted area" have undergone compulsory testing. The Government will further announce the revocation time of the declaration.

Starting from around 7.30am today, persons in the "restricted area" in Kwun Tong who have undergone testing in accordance to the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice, as well as are able to present SMS notifications with negative test results or wear wristbands as proof of having undergone testing may leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer.

The Government set up eight temporary specimen collection stations in the "restricted area" yesterday and requested persons subject to compulsory testing to collect combined nasal and throat swab samples at the stations to undergo a COVID-19 virus test before 2am today. As at 2am today, about 460 residents had undergone testing. No new confirmed cases were found.

Moreover, the Government also assigned staff to visit about 394 households. After deducting the households in units E on all floors of Block 5 which have been quarantined, about 60 households did not answer the door. Those include some households with confirmed cases or undergoing quarantine. Some units are possibly vacant as well. The Government does not have detailed information in this respect and will take measures to follow up.

The Government also understands that some residents already underwent testing at the testing station set up at Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood Community Centre. Therefore, persons in the "restricted area" who have undergone testing from January 29 to 31, 2021, and are able to provide the SMS notification through mobile phone or related certification containing the test results, are not required to take the test again.

A Government officer was attacked by a person subject to compulsory testing when performing duties in the "restricted area" last night. The Government sends its regards to the injured officer and condemns the violent acts. The Government appeals to persons subject to compulsory testing to cooperate and follow the compulsory testing notice and the "restriction-testing declaration" accordingly.

The Government reiterates that enforcement actions will be taken seriously. Any person who fails to present an SMS notification with a negative test result or wear a wristband as proof of having undergone testing breaches the compulsory testing notice and may be liable to a fine of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the compulsory testing order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is

an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.



Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Kwun Tong and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice (with photo)

The Government yesterday (January 31) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration"

(declaration) effective from 7pm yesterday, by which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Kwun Tong (i.e. Block 5 , 31 Laguna Street and Block 7, 27 Laguna Street, Laguna City, Lam Tin) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing in accordance with the arrangement by the Government. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained. Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at Block 5 and Block 7 of Laguna City for more than two hours from January 29 to 31, 2021, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing before 2am today. The Government announced the completion of the compulsory testing exercise at around 7.30am today (February 1) and carried out enforcement actions in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at about 11.30am today.

In this exercise, the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO), the Hong Kong Police Force and the Auxiliary Medical Service mobilised around 200 staff to arrange for implementation of the declaration and enforcement actions for breaches of the compulsory testing notice issued earlier.

The Government provided simple food for persons subject to compulsory testing, including instant noodles, canned food, cup noodles, soup packs, soy milk and bottled water, etc, so as to facilitate the dinner arrangement of some persons subject to compulsory testing. One box of masks and anti-epidemic goods packs were also provided to persons subject to compulsory testing to help them fight against the virus.

The KTDO also set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance. The hotline handled 25 enquiries on the testing arrangement.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled with the tireless efforts of the testing contractors, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at about 7.30am today, the Government took enforcement actions in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" have undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative testing result or wore a wristband as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation completed at about 11.30am. Nobody was found not having undergone compulsory testing. Taking into account of the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government aimed at finishing this compulsory testing exercise at about 7am today with a view to allowing residents to start getting to work. However, as two weak-positive and uncertain test results were found and the Centre for Health Protection needed time to review the results, the Government could only allow residents to leave the "restricted area" at about 7.30am. We appeal for the residents' understanding.

The Government hopes the some 60 households who have not answered the door to contact the Government for arrangement of testing as soon as possible after they read the notices put up by the Government, in the hope to eliminate the possible risk of a further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government understands that residents in the district are worried and anxious because of the increase in confirmed cases in recent days. The Government hopes this temporary inconvenience will completely cut the local transmission chains in the district and ease residents' worries and fear, so that they will regain confidence in resuming social and business activities in the area, and return to a normal life.

The Government thanks all participating Government staff and the testing agencies for their hard work. The Government also thanks the persons subject to compulsory testing again for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the result at home.

The Government as a whole is united in fighting against the virus despite all the difficulties, and provided testing for all the residents in the district within a short period of time in the hope of achieving zero cases in the district.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified timeframe. Failure to comply with the order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.



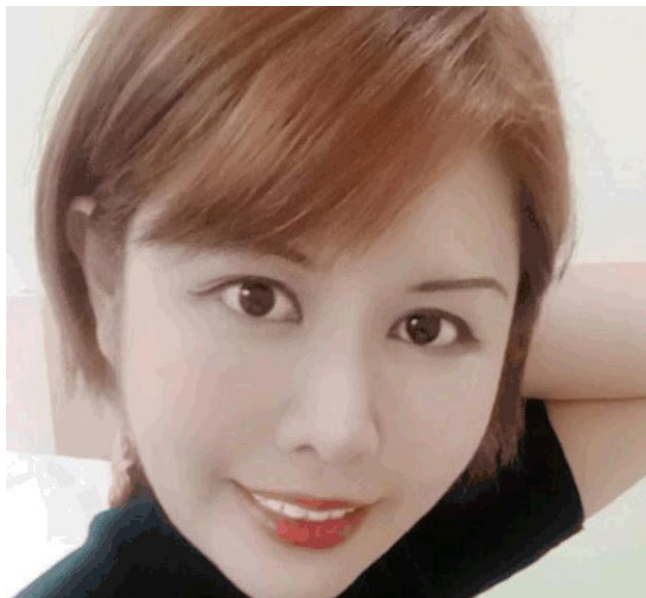
[Appeal for information on missing woman in Ngau Tau Kok \(with photo\)](#)

Police today (February 1) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok.

Lui Wai-ping, aged 33, went missing after she was last seen in her residence on Ngau Tau Kok Road on December 14, 2020 night. Her family made a report to Police on January 14.

She is about 1.65 metres tall, 54 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short brown hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories North on 3661 3127 or 6273 5787, or email to rmpu-ntn-1@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Missing woman in Mong Kok located

A woman who went missing in Mong Kok has been located.

Cheung So-kam, aged 42, went missing after she left her residence in Hoi Fu Court on November 25, 2020 morning. Her family made a report to Police on the next day.

The woman was located on Matheson Street in the evening on January 30 this year. She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.