<u>Temporary closure of FEHD's Airport</u> <u>Food Inspection Office</u>

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (August 17) said that its Airport Food Inspection Office (AFIO) in Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal, 3 Chun Wan Road, has been temporarily closed this late afternoon for thorough cleaning and disinfection because a staff member of the FEHD received a positive result when undergoing a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test. Services are expected to gradually resume later tonight after the completion of cleaning and disinfection work.

The staff member concerned is a health inspector of the FEHD and last performed duties on August 16. The staff member has been wearing masks and following relevant disease prevention measures at work.

The FEHD has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection work at relevant places in accordance with the Centre for Health Protection's advice, and will arrange for the staff concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing. Importers seeking consignment clearances may proceed to the AFIOs located at South Office Block, Super Terminal 1, HACTL, and in Terminal 2, Asia Airfreight Terminal, Hong Kong International Airport.

The FEHD has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures during the epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.