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Dear Medical Superintendent,

**Latest Situation of the Outbreak of COVID-19 in “Fook Wai Buddhist Temple”**

We would like to update you on the outbreak of COVID-19 in the religious premises named “Fook Wai Buddhist Temple” (福慧佛堂) located at 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Maylun Apartments (美輪大廈) in North Point.

As of 27 February 2020, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has recorded a total 10 cases of COVID-19 who had visited Fook Wai Buddhist Temple during the incubation period. Their ages ranged from 49 to 96 years (median: 70). They had onset of illness between 8 February and 25 February. Four household contacts of the cases who had not visited Fook Wai Buddhist Temple were also confirmed to have COVID-19. The CHP collected a number of environmental samples from Fook Wai Buddhist Temple. Laboratory results revealed that two specimens were tested positive for COVID-19 virus. Disinfection of the temple was carried out. The CHP's investigation is ongoing.

We would like to remind you that patients who had visited Fook Wai Buddhist Temple since 25 January 2020 and presented with fever or respiratory symptoms should be managed as suspected cases of COVID-19. They must be admitted to a public hospital for isolation and investigation. Private doctors are reminded to call the Medical Control Officer (MCO) of DH at Pager: 7116 3300 call 9179 immediately when reporting any suspected cases. The CHP will make arrangement to transfer the patient to a public hospital by ambulance for isolation, testing and treatment. Asymptomatic persons who had visited Fook Wai Buddhist Temple on or after 25 January are advised to call our hotline 21251122 for quarantine or medical surveillance as appropriate.



Please draw the attention of the healthcare professionals and supporting staff in your institution/ working with you to the above. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support in combating infectious disease in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'SK Chuang', written in a cursive style.

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