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Dear Sir/Madam,

Latest Development of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong

The World Health Organization had raised the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 5 to phase 6, i.e. the highest alert level. I would like to update you on the latest development of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong and the measures to be taken.

Latest Development

The first cluster of indigenous cases of Human Swine Influenza (Influenza A H1N1) (HSI), involving twelve students of a secondary school (St Paul's Convent School), was confirmed in Hong Kong on 11 June 2009. These cases had no travel history outside Hong Kong or identifiable link to an imported case of HSI. Hong Kong is now gradually migrating from the current containment phase to mitigation phase.

Measures to be taken

In accordance with the disease control strategy announced before, the Government will implement a number of key measures, including (a) suspension of classes of all primary schools, kindergartens, child-care centres and special schools for 14 days from 12 June 2009 (Friday); and (b) opening of eight designated flu clinics by the Hospital Authority (HA) for managing patients with influenza-like illness starting on 13 June 2009 (Saturday). You may wish to browse the press statements of the Chief Executive, Secretary for Food and Health, and Secretary for Education :

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200906/11/P200906110194.htm>

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200906/11/P200906110288.htm>

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200906/11/P200906110252.htm>

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Efforts to minimize the impact of the pandemic

Given the global situation, it is inevitable that indigenous cases will emerge in Hong Kong. Efforts made by Government have helped delayed the arrival of the first indigenous case. The Government will continue to be vigilant and go an extra mile to be fully prepared for fighting the pandemic. There is no need for panic, but there is every need for staying alert and paying heightened attention to personal and community hygiene. For further information on the swine flu, please visit the following websites :

CHP's swine flu website at

http://www.chp.gov.hk/view_content.asp?lang=en&info_id=16615

Department of Health's travel health service website at

<http://www.travelhealth.gov.hk>

World Health Organization's swine flu website at

<http://www.who.int>

Yours faithfully,

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