

**Strongly condemn District Officer (Central and Western) for mishandling
the compulsory testing arrangements**

**Strongly demand improvements to the compulsory testing arrangements for
specified premises (private buildings)**

Reply from the Hongkong Post:

During the epidemic, Hongkong Post has been strictly implementing various precautionary measures. To strike a balance between the public demand for postal service and the need to reduce the epidemic from further spreading in the community as far as possible, postmen will not require recipients at the delivery addresses to sign for the receipt of mail items in order to reduce social contacts, but record of delivery will still be marked. For buildings with COVID-19 confirmed cases within the past 14 days, Hongkong Post will maintain mail delivery service to letter boxes in the lobbies for three times a week, yet door delivery service will remain suspended, while small-sized mail items requiring signature for receipt will be put into letter boxes in the lobbies with record of delivery marked, until the building concerned is removed from the list of buildings with confirmed cases within the past 14 days. As for buildings included in a compulsory testing notice published in the Gazette, Hongkong Post will also suspend delivery service to such buildings for four days (excluding Sundays), followed by maintaining mail delivery service to letter boxes in the lobbies for three times a week and suspending door delivery service until the building concerned is removed from the list of buildings with confirmed cases within the past 14 days. Details are posted on the Hongkong Post's website (see Annex). The above measures are implemented in response to the epidemic, and we appeal for the understanding of members of the public.

According to our information, Lascar Court located in Sheung Wan was included in the compulsory testing notice published in the Gazette in the afternoon of December 30, 2020, Hongkong Post therefore suspended its mail delivery service for four days from December 31, 2020 to January 4, 2021 (both dates inclusive) pursuant to the arrangements mentioned above. Hongkong Post had put up a notice at the prominent position of Lascar Court's lobby to notify the residents of the arrangements and relevant information was also posted on Hongkong Post's website. The mail delivery service for Lascar Court resumed normal on January 5, 2021.

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