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Temporary Entry Restrictions to Hong Kong to Limit the Spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The Hong Kong government has announced the following measures on entry to Hong Kong to be implemented with effect from 12:00am on 25 March 2020, tentatively for 14 days to further prevent imported cases and cut the global and local virus transmission chain as far as possible:

- All non-Hong Kong residents coming from overseas countries and regions by plane will be denied entry to Hong Kong;
- Non-Hong Kong residents coming from the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan will be denied entry to Hong Kong if they have been to any overseas countries and regions in the past 14 days;
- All transit services at Hong Kong International Airport will be suspended; and
- All travelers coming from Macao and Taiwan, including Hong Kong and non-Hong Kong residents, will be subject to a 14-day compulsory quarantine, which is the same as the arrangements for people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland.

Some individuals can be exempted from the above immigration restrictions and/or quarantine requirements, including:

- Macao residents who are registered under scheme covered by the agreement between the Macao Special Administrative Region Government and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government that they will be immediately taken by coach back to Macao upon entry;
• Crew members of aircraft who need to commute to and from foreign places for performance of necessary duties or crew members of goods vessels;
• Government officials carrying out government duties including personnel of consular posts;
• Spouses and minor children of Hong Kong residents; and
• Personnel engaged in anti-epidemic work endorsed by the HKSAR Government.

The Hong Kong Immigration Department will handle each case in accordance with immigration policy, the actual situation and established procedures.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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