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Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association Statement on the situation of COVID-19 at Kwai Tsing Container Port

Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association reiterates that operations at the Kwai Tsing Container Port are normal and the members are working closely with the government to take all necessary actions to contain the virus spread within the port area. It is important to keep the port operational as it is crucial for the daily life of all Hong Kong people as it brings in essential goods such as food products, medical supplies and other daily necessities .

A spokesperson of Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association said: “We understand that the concerned contractor has been withdrawn from the facility and the Centre for Health Protection has arranged all of its staff to be isolated for quarantine. The concerned rest area has also been disinfected and is no longer in use.

“There are a number of contractors at the Kwai Tsing container port covering a total land area of 279 hectares. Workers mainly work separately and staff of the concerned contractor had little interaction with workers of other companies. Stevedore workers are needed to perform duty on board the vessels and they conduct their duty in the outdoor area and do not need to go inside the ship’s bridge and other indoor area. Moreover, terminal operators have put in additional resting areas and separated workers by groups to substantially reduce risks of cross-contamination,” the spokesperson added.

All members of the Association have taken stringent measures to ensure the health and safety of workers in the terminals and are making concerted efforts to minimise any impact to port users. Disinfection had been conducted for all relevant areas including rest areas, offices, vehicles, canteens and shuttle buses. We also require all persons to wear face mask during their performance of duties within the terminals and have taken measures to minimise face-to-face contact between different groups of staff and workers. We have also worked with the Centre for Health Protection to make available COVID-19 test kits for all staff members and contractor’s workers in the port.

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