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## **Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association Updates on additional measures to contain the virus spread at Kwai Tsing Container Port**

Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association (HKCTOA) would like to provide an update on the new arrangements in rest areas for contractor workers at the terminals in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard the health and well-being of all people working at the container terminals.

“All members of the Association have taken prompt actions to address the conditions of rest areas for contractor workers. They have worked closely with all the relevant contractors to provide additional facilities for use by contractor workers,” a spokesperson of HKCTOA said.

“Additional facilities including vacant indoor spaces and other modular units have been made available to limit the number of beds in each area, giving adequate space for social distancing among workers. Partitions are also put up for each bed to provide additional protection. Terminal operators are also working with contractors to put in place a number of measures to minimise cross-infection which include daily cleaning with 1:99 diluted bleach water and thorough disinfection on a weekly basis, installation of air purifiers, and provision of disinfectants and hand sanitisers to workers,” the spokesperson added. “We would also like to clarify that workers have to use their own personal bedding items.

At the same time, terminal operators are making all efforts to distribute test kits and return specimens for testing from people working at the terminals as soon as possible. As of yesterday, we have already returned more than 3,800 specimens for testing, which already covered more than 80% of the first batch of test kits received last week. We expect to complete the rest within this week.

HKCTOA members have taken stringent measures since the end of January to protect all people at the terminals and will continue to work with the government to review and enhance measures if necessary. They will also continue to work with all contractors to ensure all their staff facilities are in good condition and with good hygiene.

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## 香港貨櫃碼頭商會就葵青貨櫃碼頭額外防疫措施更新

香港貨櫃碼頭商會在此提供有關休息場所新安排，以進一步遏止疫情傳播及保障所有在碼頭工作人員的健康。

香港貨櫃碼頭商會發言人表示：「所有商會成員已就承辦商員工休息場所迅速採取措施，與相關承辦商緊密合作，並已即時投放額外資源提供更多設施予承辦商員工使用。」

發言人補充：「除了額外設施如閒置室內地方及增加其他構件式單位休息室外，碼頭營運商亦作出安排，限制每個休息場所所放置的床鋪數目，以提供足夠空間，讓員工之間保持社交距離，並在床鋪之間加放隔板，以提供額外保護。另外，碼頭營運商亦不斷與承辦商商討，安排各項措施以防止交叉感染，包括每日定時用 1 比 99 稀釋漂白水清潔、每星期安排深層消毒、購置空氣清新機及向員工派發消毒用品。」發言人續說：「我們在此澄清，一直以來承辦商員工都是使用自己的個人床上用品。」

同時，碼頭營運商正竭盡所能盡快向所有在碼頭工作的人員分發及收回檢測樣本。截至昨日為止，於上週領取到的首批樣本瓶，碼頭營運商已交回超過八成。連同今週領取到的樣本瓶，碼頭營運商共交回超過 3,800 個檢測樣本，預期在今星期內交回其他樣本。

商會成員已從一月底開始採取嚴格措施防止新冠病毒散播，以保障所有在碼頭工作的人員。成員並會繼續與政府緊密合作及在有需要時檢討及加強措施。成員亦會繼續與承辦商緊密溝通，確保所有員工設施有良好狀況及良好衛生條件。

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