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SWD announces support measures related to No. 5 alarm fire in Tai Po

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) expressed deep sorrow and sadness over the No. 5 alarm fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po yesterday (November 26). The department is making all-out efforts in manpower deployment and resources allocation to provide appropriate support to residents of the district.

An SWD spokesman said that the department had deployed social workers, clinical psychologists and professional support teams to all temporary shelters and interdepartmental help desk at hospitals to provide assistance based on the welfare needs of the affected residents. Medical social workers of public hospitals are also providing emotional support to the injured and related families. Residents in need in the district are appealed to seek assistance from social workers or professionals at the temporary shelters.

As affected by the fire and obstructed traffic, multiple secondary schools and primary schools in Tai Po suspended classes today (November 27). The SWD had already requested all Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres and Youth Centre in Tai Po to open and operate the whole day for provision of sufficient care services to parents who are not able to take care of their children. Relevant information of the service centres is listed at the annex.

The SWD will continue to liaise with other government departments to provide all appropriate assistance for the affected residents.

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