

**Sha Tin Rural Committee**  
**The arrangements for the event of drawing divination sticks**  
**on the second day of the Lunar New Year during the Che Kung Festival**

Hong Kong's economy and people's livelihood are both badly hit by the COVID-19 epidemic. At this difficult time, the Sha Tin Rural Committee (STRC) will organise the event of drawing divination sticks (the event) on the second day of the Lunar New Year (February 13) in order to seek spiritual blessing and remove misfortune. As the epidemic in Hong Kong has remained severe lately, STRC will strictly implement various precautionary and anti-epidemic measures during the event in order to minimise the risk of virus transmission. The details of the arrangements for the event and the relevant precautionary measures are listed below-

The arrangements for the event

- The arrangement of having Qilin to lead the way to the Che Kung Temple (the Temple) will be cancelled;
- The event will not open for public participation and only those being invited, staff and media organisations which are being invited to cover the event are allowed to join;
- The Main Temple and Piazza outdoor will allow a maximum of 40 persons and 100 persons respectively;
- The start time of the event will be advanced and the event will take place before public opening hours, i.e. from 7am to around 7.45am;
- One-way flow will be adopted inside the Temple; and
- Only a limited number of media organisations will be allowed in the Temple.

The precautionary measures that participants have to comply with

- All participants are required to
  - wear face mask throughout the event;
  - have their temperature checked before entering the Temple;
  - scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code before entering the Temple; for those who do not have smartphone, STRC will record their names and contact details in order to facilitate contact tracing work; and
  - maintain a social distance of at least 1.5 metres apart from each other in

accordance with the marks on the floor of the Temple.

- Apart from complying with the above precautionary measures, the participants who will enter the Main Temple are also required to undergo COVID-19 test within 72 hours before the event and hold a negative test result.

If you have any enquiries about the event or wish to cover the event, please contact STRC as soon as possible (phone number: 2609 3199) so that STRC could assess and make the relevant arrangements. If there are any changes or refinements to the above measures, the STRC will announce in due course.