

With the subsiding epidemic situation in early 2023 and gradual resumption of social normalcy, the Government on one hand maintains the city's capacity to respond to changes in the epidemic situation, and on the other hand makes subsequent arrangements for community isolation and treatment facilities, releases the sites in phases or utilises the facilities for other purposes, while taking into account Hong Kong's economic, livelihood and social needs. The use of community isolation and treatment facilities as well as the arrangements which have been announced and implemented include:

- The Hospital Authority has been providing medical diagnostic and investigation-related services at the Central Government-Aided Emergency Hospital in the Loop since 2023, and will continue to make better use of the facility for healthcare-related purposes;
- The transfer of the community isolation facility (CIF) in the southern end of the Loop to government works projects for reuse was completed in March 2024. The construction works of one of the buildings in batch one under Phase 1 of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (HSITP) subsequently commenced on the released site in April 2024. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is carrying out site formation works on the remainder of the released site, so that the construction of the remaining four buildings can commence as early as possible. In addition, there are three buildings in batch one under Phase 1 of the HSITP, which are outside the site of the CIF, and the construction works would be completed in phases from the end of this year;
- The CIF in Tam Mei, Yuen Long, has been used as centralised quarters for imported labour for the construction sector since 2023;
- The CIF in San Tin has been used for holding training courses and trade tests for the construction industry since 2023;
- The CIF in Tsing Yi has become a base for youth development and national education, which provides a venue and ancillary facilities to youth uniformed groups for holding

training on flag raising, foot drill and other youth development-related activities since April 2024;

- The site of the CIF in Hung Shui Kiu will be developed into multi-storey buildings for modern industries (MSBs) in accordance with the development of sites for industries in the Northern Metropolis. The MSBs will provide floor space for relocation of some brownfield operators affected by the development projects. The Development Bureau is striving to roll out the site for tender in September. The CEDD commenced the relocation of the above CIF in June 2024 for releasing the site and it is targeted for completion by the third quarter of this year;
- The site of the CIF at the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will be released to the Airport Authority Hong Kong to serve as back-up sites to support the operation of Hong Kong International Airport and AsiaWorld-Expo. The CEDD commenced the relocation of the above CIF in June 2024 for releasing the site and it is targeted for completion by the third quarter of this year; and
- The site of the CIF at Ma Sik Road in Fanling will be returned to the relevant land owner for private housing development to match with the development schedule of the Fanling North New Development Area. The CEDD commenced the relocation of the above CIF in June 2024 for releasing the site and it is targeted for completion by the third quarter of this year.