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Dear Mr. Yau,

**Appeal for Allocation of free 900,000 RAT Kits for
Front-line Security Guards**

The Chief Executive in a media forum announced she has nominated the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to lead a task force to co-ordinate with various departments and organizations participating in anti-epidemic work on medical supplies. The task force has so far procured more than 68 million RAT Kits for distribution to local organizations and people working in high-risk industries.

You are well aware the Covid-19 has brought devastating impact to the community of Hong Kong in the past two years and the situation has further worsen in the past few months owing to the drastic outburst of Omicron. For the reason of health protection, many commercial organizations (customers) have imposed a strict security service condition that security guards must take the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and, only those who have a negative result would be allowed to report to work. The cost of the RAT kit brings an immense financial burden which is unfair for the frontline security guards to bear.

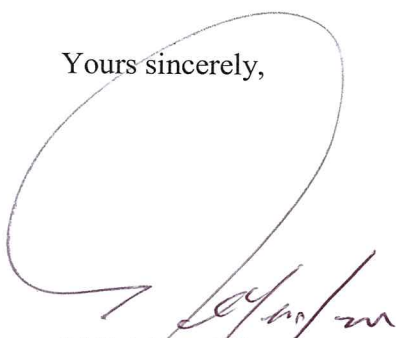
We are the Hong Kong Security Association which was established in the year 1984 to promote the security services industry in Hong Kong, currently we have about 150 company members and majority of them are stake-holders of the security industry in Hong Kong.

We are impressed of your special commitment in the fight against the pandemic campaign in these two years and anxiously request for your kind consideration to allocate a free supply of 900,000 RAT kits (based on the average calculation of 1 kit x 200 guards x 150 company x 30 days) to our Association for swiftly distribution to frontline security guards as a recognition to their effort to fight the virus together. The job posting of this group of 30,000 guards are not covered under the Government Department Contracts and therefore is not entitled to the monthly allowance of HK\$2,000 under the 6th round of the Anti-epidemic Fund.

If our request is being approved, The Hong Kong Security Association will take the leading role to co-ordinate with our members on the logistics flow for distribution to frontline security guards.

We thank you for your attention to the matters and looking forward to receiving your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,



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