<u>Caritas Medical Centre announces</u> <u>passing away of COVID-19 patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

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A 77-year-old male patient (case number: 8561) with chronic diseases was admitted CMC due to fever and pneumonia on December 25. The patient was tested positive for COVID-19 on the same day. His condition continued to deteriorate and eventually succumbed at 10am today.

CMC was saddened about the passing away of the patient and would offer necessary assistance to his family.

Including the above patient, 144 COVID-19 confirmed patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.