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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Caritas Medical Centre (CMC) today (February 16) announced that a patient confirmed with COVID-19 infection passed away this evening.

An 81-year-old female patient (case number: 10503) with chronic diseases was admitted to CMC on January 31 for upper respiratory tract infection symptoms and fever. She was later tested positive for COVID-19. Her condition continued to deteriorate and she succumbed at 8:03pm tonight.

The hospital is saddened about the passing away of the patient and would offer necessary assistance to her family members.

Including the above patient, 189 COVID-19 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.