<u>Castle Peak Hospital makes public</u> <u>appeal on absconded patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital (CPH) made the following appeal today (November 2) regarding an inpatient who has absconded from the hospital:

A 41-year-old male inpatient was found missing at about 9.40am today during a dental follow-up appointment at the Dental Clinic outside CPH for which he had been escorted by staff. CPH is very concerned about the incident and reported it to the Police immediately. The patient's relatives were also informed. The hospital will fully co-operate with the Police to search for the patient.

The patient is 1.75 metres tall and of medium build with black short hair. He was wearing a blue jacket and green trousers at the time he absconded. The hospital appeals to the public to contact the Report Room of Tuen Mun Police Station at 3661 5810 or call CPH at 2456 7111 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.

The incident has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System. The hospital will communicate with the patient's relatives to provide necessary assistance.