<u>Cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing</u> <u>Enterobacteriaceae cases in Hong Kong</u> <u>Buddhist Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital made the following announcement today (December 16):

Three female patients (aged 82 to 84) in a mixed medical ward have been confirmed to be carriers of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae without symptoms since December 11. The patients are being treated under isolation. One patient is in serious condition due to an underlying illness while the other two patients are in stable condition.

Infection control measures in the ward have been intensified according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward concerned are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.