## <u>Cluster of Influenza A cases at Yan</u> <u>Chai Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital made the following announcement today (February 20):

Five patients (aged 64 to 87) in a medical rehabilitation male ward have presented with fever or respiratory symptoms since February 18. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients, and their test results were positive for Influenza A. Among the patients, an 81-year-old patient passed away this morning due to his underlying diseases, while the others are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the wards 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.