<u>Cluster of influenza A cases in Alice</u> <u>Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital made the following announcement today (July 7):

Five patients (aged 56 to 72) in a male medical ward have presented with symptoms of fever or respiratory symptoms since July 3. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. All patients are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up 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.