## <u>Cluster of Influenza A cases in Shatin</u> <u>Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Shatin Hospital (SH) made the following announcement today (April 3):

Five patients (aged 27 to 43) of a male psychiatric ward presented with respiratory symptoms since March 29. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. The patients are being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. 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.