<u>Cluster of Influenza A cases in Tung</u> <u>Wah Eastern Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tung Wah Eastern Hospital made the following announcement today (March 6):

Five patients (aged 76 to 97) in a female orthopaedic ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since March 3. Appropriate tests were arranged for the patients and their results were positive for Influenza A. The patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

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