<u>Cluster of Multi-drug Resistant</u> <u>Acinetobacter cases in Tuen Mun</u> <u>Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

The spokesperson for the Tuen Mun Hospital made the following announcement today (September 15):

Three patients (aged 67 to 78) in a male medicine and geriatrics ward had been confirmed as carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter since September 3. Among them, a 67-year-old patient had passed away earlier due to his underlying diseases. The other two patients are currently hospitalised under isolation with stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have been implemented according to the established guidelines:

- 1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
- Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients; and
- 3. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures.

The cases have been reported to Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the ward concerned.