<u>Cluster of respiratory infection cases</u> <u>in Castle Peak Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following announcement today (June 24):

Six patients (aged 41 to 61) in a male forensic psychiatric ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since June 21. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation and are in a 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 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.