<u>Cluster of scabies infection cases at Kowloon Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kowloon Hospital (KH) made the following announcement today (May 28):

Four patients aged 82 to 87 in a female rehabilitation ward have presented with symptoms of skin infection since May 18. All of the patients have been diagnosed as having scabies infestation and are being treated under isolation. They are in a stable condition.

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.