<u>Hospital Authority response statement</u> <u>on an unfounded commentary article</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In response to the commentary published by a newspaper today (May 25) mentioning the incident of an eye injury patient in 2019, the Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson made the following statement:

The HA reiterated that with regard to the incident mentioned in the article, the HA had cooperated with the police investigation and had provided relevant medical records to the police in accordance with the law. The HA was aware that the incident had entered legal proceedings at that time, and both the HA and relevant departments had to respect and abide by the restrictions of the procedures.

The HA treats all patients equally, upholds the principle of respecting personal privacy and complies with relevant legal requirements. The HA or public hospitals will not disclose the specific clinical details of individual patient to the public or the media without the patient's consent.

The HA disagrees with the commentary and reiterates that it is unfounded in alleging the HA for deliberate cover-up and fraudulent in the disclosure of the condition of an individual patient.