## Hospital Authority response to public assemblies

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In response to public assemblies in some public hospitals today (November 13), the spokesperson for Hospital Authority (HA) appeals against holding these activities in public hospitals as they will affect smooth hospital operations and the provision of a suitable environment for patient care.

The HA sent an email to all HA staff yesterday to express that staff members hope to see the resumption of a peaceful community as soon as possible, while the professionalism of healthcare worker should not be dampened. Hence, the HA repeatedly reiterated that public assemblies should not be held in public hospitals to avoid affecting hospital operations, inducing patient anxiety, as well as affecting the tranquil hospital environment. The HA also advised colleagues to avoid exposing themselves to undue risks of legal and professional responsibilities.

The HA thanks again the efforts of staff members, who have demonstrated their professionalism and dedication to patient care in the past few months. The HA hopes that the difficult time for Hong Kong will soon be over.