

# In-patient absconds from Castle Peak Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital (CPH) made the following appeal today (March 11) regarding an in-patient who has absconded from the hospital:

A 29-year-old male in-patient of an adult psychiatric ward was found missing at about 8am today. Ward staff reported to security guards and a full-scale search within the hospital compound was performed immediately. After reviewing CCTV footage, the hospital believes that the patient had already absconded from the hospital.

CPH is very concerned about the incident and reported it to the Police immediately. The hospital will fully co-operate with the Police to locate the patient. The patient was admitted to CPH earlier. After treatment, the patient's condition improved and he is currently receiving psychiatric rehabilitation treatment.

The patient is about 1.74 metres tall and of medium build with black hair. He is wearing a grey T-shirt, black trousers and glasses. The hospital appeals to the public to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit, New Territories North of Hong Kong Police Force at 6273 5787 or call CPH at 2456 7111 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.

CPH reported the incident to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System. The hospital will communicate with the patient's relatives to provide necessary assistance.