<u>New Territories West Cluster announces</u> <u>a visitor tested preliminarily</u> <u>positive for COVID-19</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the New Territories West Cluster (NTWC) made the following announcement today (December 23) regarding a visitor tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

The NTWC received notification from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health that a 64-year-old male who underwent COVID-19 testing yesterday (December 22) was tested preliminarily positive and was suspected to be involving Omicron mutant strain. The male attended consultation at Tuen Mun Wu Hong Clinic in the morning on December 13, and he also accompanied another person to the Specialist-Out-Patient Clinic of the Department of Oncology in Tuen Mun Hospital in the morning of December 17 and 20. He had been wearing surgical mask all along.

Upon learning the test result of the visitor, hospital infection control team has immediately conducted contact tracing. Around 100 staff members have to undergo testing. All staff members have been wearing masks during work and therefore no staff member was identified as close contact. Also, thorough cleansing and disinfection at areas that the patient visited will be conducted. The NTWC will continue to closely monitor the health condition of staff members and communicate with the CHP on the latest situation.