<u>Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-</u> <u>related cases</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (January 23), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of 35 patients (12 male and 23 female, aged five months to 86 years) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent. Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the DH for testing. Fifty-five patients are still under isolation, 53 patients are in stable condition. Two North District Hospital patients are in critical condition due to their underlying diseases.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.