## <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 24), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of 70 patients (33 male and 37 female, aged 7 months to 91) 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. Ninety-six patients are still under isolation and 91 patients are in stable condition. Two patients (at North District Hospital and Queen Mary Hospital) are in serious condition due to their underlying diseases while three North District Hospital patients are in critical condition due to their underlying diseases.

The HA 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.