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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (February 8), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 44 patients (26 male and 18 female, aged 10 months to 78) 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 for testing. There are still 81 patients under isolation.

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.