<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 18), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 29 patients (13 male and 16 female, aged 5 to 74) 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 106 patients under isolation currently. So far, four patients with the novel coronavirus infection have been discharged upon recovery.

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.