<u>Public hospitals daily update on</u> <u>COVID-19 cases</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (July 19), 20 COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 1205, 1220, 1274, 1282, 1295, 1300, 1304, 1318, 1330, 1356, 1357, 1376, 1391, 1437, 1455, 1506, 1512, 1518, 1527 and 1530) were discharged from hospital in the past 24 hours. So far, a total of 1,294 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 650 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1,207 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 463 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 14 hospitals, among which 19 patients are in critical condition (case numbers: 595, 1315, 1338, 1346, 1401, 1424, 1428, 1483, 1485, 1491, 1497, 1562, 1630, 1640, 1679, 1680, 1710, 1718 and 1730), 11 are in serious condition (case numbers: 1269, 1306, 1322, 1348, 1439, 1443, 1449, 1470, 1557, 1661 and 1767) and the remaining 433 patients are in stable condition.

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.