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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (March 19), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 262 patients (138 male and 124 female, aged seven months to 81 years) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

 \tilde{a} € \tilde{a} €There are 377 patients under isolation currently. So far, 98 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infections 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.