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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (July 18), no COVID-19 confirmed patient had been discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 11 682 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 607 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 089 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 29 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in nine public hospitals and the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, among which one patient (case number: 9907) is in serious condition and the remaining 28 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.