<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 (December 23), two COVID-19 confirmed patients (case numbers: 12459 and 12511) were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. While one patient (case number: 12459) will continue with the 14-day postdischarge isolation and the other patient (case number: 12511) had left Hong Kong upon the lifting of the isolation order. So far, a total of 12 186 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

A total of 114 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre and the Hospital Authority (HA) Infectious Disease Centre. Among those patients, one is in serious condition (case number: 12431) while the remainder are in stable condition.

The HA 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.