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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (January 4), nine patients who had tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus (case numbers: 12424, 12427, 12428, 12444, 12450, 12471, 12477, 12487 and 12489) were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 12 228 patients have been discharged.

A total of 245 patients who have tested positive are currently hospitalised in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, the Hospital Authority (HA) Infectious Disease Centre and the Community Treatment Facility at Asia-World Expo. Among those patients, one is in serious condition (case number: 12548) 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.