<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 (January 17), 23 patients who had tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus (case numbers: 12533, 12561, 12565, 12571, 12592, 12613, 12616, 12630, 12647, 12649, 12664, 12691, 12716, 12717, 12719, 12724, 12794, 12801, 12820, 12844, 12847, 12864 and 13022) were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 12 416 patients have been discharged.

A total of 376 patients who had 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 AsiaWorld-Expo. All of them 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.