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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (February 23), a total of 4 234 patients who are suspected of having or have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus are currently being treated in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, the Hospital Authority (HA) Infectious Disease Centre, the Community Treatment Facility at AsiaWorld-Expo and public hospitals. There were 275 patients discharged. Twenty-four patients passed away. Including 19 previously unannounced cases, a total of 393 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

There are currently around 1 500 patients isolated in the Community Isolation Facility in Penny's Bay, and around 230 patients isolated in the Community Isolation Facility in Tsuen Wan Dorsett Hotel.

 $\hat{a} \in A$ 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.