<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 24), a total of 4 642 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 257 patients discharged. Fifty patients passed away. Including 17 previous unannounced cases, a total of 460 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

There are currently around 1 300 patients isolated in the Community Isolation Facility in Penny's Bay, and around 350 patients isolated in the Community Isolation Facility in Tsuen Wan Dorsett Hotel.

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.