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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (March 4), a total of 7 036 patients who tested positive or preliminarily positive for COVID-19 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 494 patients discharged and 136 patients passed away. Including 52 previously unannounced cases, a total of 1 546 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far. All cases have been confirmed by the Centre for Health Protection.

Among the 136 deceased patients who have passed away in the past 24 hours, 97 patients were not vaccinated, 21 patients had taken one dose, 17 patients had taken two doses and one patient had taken three doses. The 89-year-old male patient who had taken three doses had multiple chronic diseases. The third dose was taken in mid-February 2022.

There are currently around 1 100 patients isolated in the Community Isolation Facility in Penny's Bay.

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.