## <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 (July 15), a total of 1 082 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 139 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 330 patients are in isolation wards, 19 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 369 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 110 in total are new patients. There are four newly reported critical patients and three newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 23 patients in critical condition and 24 are in serious condition, of which seven critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 111 patients who have recovered, including 100 patients who have been discharged. In addition, five patients who passed away in public hospital were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 53 319 patients who have recovered so far, including 53 070 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 65 699 patients who have recovered, including 65 450 patients who have been discharged.

The Hospital Authority 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.