<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 18), a total of 1 182 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 149 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 375 patients are in isolation wards, 27 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 373 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 124 in total are new patients. There is one newly reported critical patient and 14 newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 17 patients in critical condition and 38 are in serious condition, of which four critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 86 patients who have recovered, including 73 patients who have been discharged. In addition, three patients who passed away in public hospital were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 53 667 patients who have recovered so far, including 53 414 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 66 047 patients who have recovered, including 65 794 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.