<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 19), a total of 1 190 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 152 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 373 patients are in isolation wards, 24 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 386 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 120 in total are new patients. There are four newly reported critical patients and six newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 20 patients in critical condition and 41 are in serious condition, of which seven critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 141 patients who have recovered, including 121 patients who have been discharged. In addition, four patients who passed away in public hospital were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 53 804 patients who have recovered so far, including 53 547 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 66 184 patients who have recovered, including 65 927 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.