<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 21), a total of 1 233 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 163 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 379 patients are in isolation wards, 23 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 409 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 130 in total are new patients. There are two newly reported critical patients and seven newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 18 patients in critical condition and 25 are in serious condition, of which five critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 134 patients who have recovered, including 124 patients who have been discharged. In addition, three patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 54 069 patients who have recovered so far, including 53 807 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 66 449 patients who have recovered, including 66 187 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.