## <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 (August 2), a total of 1 536 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 171 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 474 patients are in isolation wards, 91 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 452 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 137 in total are new patients. There are three newly reported critical patients and five newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 16 patients in critical condition and 28 are in serious condition, of which six critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 150 patients who have recovered, including 133 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 11 patients who passed away in public hospital were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 55 875 patients who have recovered so far, including 55 622 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 68 255 patients who have recovered, including 68 002 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.