<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 3), a total of 1 533 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 164 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 433 patients are in isolation wards, 92 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 473 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 133 in total are new patients. There are six newly reported critical patients and eight newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 20 patients in critical condition and 24 are in serious condition, of which six critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 163 patients who have recovered, including 146 patients who have been discharged. In addition, four patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 56 058 patients who have recovered so far, including 55 808 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 68 438 patients who have recovered, including 68 188 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.