<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 (August 15), a total of 1 783 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 230 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 516 patients are in isolation wards, 90 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 551 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 184 in total are new patients. There are two newly reported critical patients and six newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 29 patients in critical condition and 29 are in serious condition, of which nine critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 132 patients who have recovered, including 104 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 58 353 patients who have recovered so far, including 58 059 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 70 733 patients who have recovered, including 70 439 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.