<u>Public hospitals daily update on</u> <u>COVID-19 cases</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

 $\hat{a} \in As$ at 0.00am today (August 21), a total of 1 995 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 300 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 524 patients are in isolation wards, 170 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 614 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 237 in total are new patients. There are eight newly reported critical patients and eight newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 43 patients in critical condition and 30 are in serious condition, of which 11 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 203 patients who have recovered, including 169 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 59 833 patients who have recovered so far, including 59 534 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 72 213 patients who have recovered, including 71 914 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.