## <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 (September 20), a total of 2 506 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 235 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 451 patients are in isolation wards, 132 patients are in second-tier isolation wards, 492 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre and 194 patients are in the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AsiaWorld-Expo), of which 145 in total are new patients. There are 10 newly reported critical patients and seven newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 56 patients in critical condition and 49 are in serious condition, of which 20 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 366 patients who have recovered, including 331 patients who have been discharged. In addition, seven patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 69 444 patients who have recovered so far, including 69 111 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 81 824 patients who have recovered, including 81 491 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.