<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 (December 4), a total of 2 776 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 327 new patients. Currently, there are 300 patients requiring oxygen therapy and 13 patients requiring ventilator support. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 626 patients are in isolation wards, 200 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 565 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 223 in total are new patients. There are 19 newly reported critical patients and nine newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 65 patients in critical condition and 75 are in serious condition, of which 20 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 301 patients who have recovered, including 260 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 16 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

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.