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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at yesterday (January 24), a total of 2 440 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 were hospitalised for treatment. Among the hospitalised confirmed patients, 157 were new patients, 1 203 required isolation, 384 required oxygen therapy and 50 required ventilator support. There were 11 newly reported critical patients and eight newly reported serious patients. There were a total of 124 patients in critical condition and 129 serious condition, of which 28 critical patients were receiving intensive care. Moreover, there were 206 patients who had recovered, including 115 patients who had been discharged. In addition, 27 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported. According to preliminary analysis, the cause of death of 10 patients was related to COVID-19, while that of the remaining 17 patients was not.

The overall occupancy of medical beds in acute hospitals is around 90 per cent.

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.