Queen Mary Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital announce passing away of COVID-19 patients

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hospital Authority today (July 21) announced that a 77-year-old male COVID-19 confirmed patient at Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) (case number: 1562) passed away at around 2am today. The patient with chronic diseases attended Accident and Emergency Department of Queen Elizabeth Hospital on July 14 due to fever. He was confirmed positive of COVID-19 and transferred to QMH's isolation ward for treatment. His condition deteriorated on July 16 and the patient was transferred to Adult Intensive Care Unit for treatment and oxygen support. The patient eventually succumbed today.

In addition, a 87-year-old male COVID-19 confirmed case of the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) (case number: 1348) passed away at around 2.50am early this morning. The patient, with chronic diseases, was admitted to PWH on July 9. He presented with fever and his condition was stable. He had been deteriorating subsequently and eventually succumbed this morning.

The hospitals were saddened about the passing away of the patients and would offer necessary assistance to family members.

Including the above two cases, 14 COVID-19 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.