<u>Transcript of remarks by SFH at media</u> session

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, after attending radio programme today (July 27):

Reporter: How do hospitals prepare for the potential pressure from the coming protest?

Secretary for Food and Health: The hospitals are prepared in case of casualties arising from mass gathering. For example, the Yuen Long incident. The Hospital Authority's (HA) New Territories West Cluster — the Pok Oi Hospital and the Tuen Mun Hospital have taken into consideration the possible number of casualty. Therefore they have tried to increase the number of healthcare professionals as well as bed allocation. So that just in case there are casualties, they would be able to manage. Also, the HA Head Office has also activated their centre to monitor the mass gathering situation.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)