

# Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AsiaWorld-Expo) turned to standby mode

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) announced today (May 4) that, in view of the developments of the epidemic, the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 (AsiaWorld-Expo) has turned to standby mode and all the patients who were there have already been transferred to the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre or discharged.

The HA Chief Manager (Integrated Clinical Services), Dr Larry Lee, said, "We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the healthcare workers who have been deployed to the treatment centre for their tireless work and professionalism in taking care of patients during the epidemic peak in the past few months. Although we expected different challenges and colleagues were under enormous work pressure at the time, they were able to overcome difficulties one by one in a short period of time with a common goal to help patients. The HA also appreciates the Mainland medical support team for joining us in mid-March, which not only strengthened the admission capacity of the treatment centre for patients but also brought valuable anti-epidemic experience to the team.

"After turning the Treatment Centre for COVID-19 to a standby mode, we will closely monitor the development of the epidemic and maintain flexibility. If necessary, we can deploy manpower and hospital beds, and reactivate the treatment centre in a short period of time."

The Treatment Centre for COVID-19 has been reactivated since the beginning of January this year as an important facility for implementing multi-tiered triage measures for treatment. During the most severe period of the fifth wave of the epidemic, it helped to triage patients from public hospitals and allowed public hospitals to concentrate their manpower and resources on taking care of patients who needed more healthcare services.