<u>Tuen Mun Hospital makes public appeal</u> <u>to help locate missing patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

A spokesman for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following appeal today (March 20) regarding a patient who left the hospital without notifying hospital staff:

A 65-year-old male patient left a neurosurgery ward of TMH without notifying hospital staff at around 3pm today.

Security guards conducted searching in the hospital and the vicinity area immediately but in vain. TMH is very concerned about the incident and has immediately informed the patient's family and reported to the Police. The hospital will co-operate with the Police for the search.

The patient is about 1.6 metres tall, medium-built, with short gray hair. He was wearing gray long-sleeved clothes, jeans, with a black shoulder bag, and a red-and-white striped bag when leaving the hospital.

The hospital appeals to the public to contact Tuen Mun Police Station at 3661 5800 or call 999 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.