<u>Update on cluster of COVID-19 cases in Kowloon Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with COVID-19 in a male psychiatric ward, the spokesperson for Kowloon Hospital made the following update today (December 8):

Following a contact tracing investigation, five more male patients (aged 21 to 42) in the ward have presented with fever symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19. One of the patients was discharged earlier, the rest of the four patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.