<u>Update on cluster of Influenza A cases</u> <u>in Haven of Hope Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a medical ward, the spokesperson for Haven of Hope Hospital gave the following update today (March 21):

Following a contact tracing investigation, five more patients (aged 61 to 88) have tested positive for Influenza A. Among the previous confirmed cases, an 89-year-old patient passed away yesterday (March 20) afternoon due to underlying diseases, while the others 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 wards are under close surveillance.

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