Update on cluster of Influenza A cases in Kowloon Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement about a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a male ward of the Department of Psychiatry, the spokesperson for Kowloon Hospital (KH) made the following update today (January 24):

One more male patient (aged 41) in the ward has presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms. Clinical tests were arranged and the test result was positive for Influenza A. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and as in a stable condition.

Admission and visiting have been suspended in the ward concerned. 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.