<u>Update on cluster of Multi-drug</u> <u>Resistant Acinetobacter cases in Tuen</u> <u>Mun Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients confirmed to be carriers of Multi-drug Resistant Acinetobacter (MDRA) in a male Medicine and Geriatrics ward, the spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital gave the following update today (September 21):

In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, the hospital commenced contact tracing and confirmed one more 78-year-old patient as a carrier of MDRA. The patient is currently hospitalised under isolation with stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have been implemented according to the established guidelines:

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;

2. Application of stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients; and

3. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures.

The case has been reported to Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the ward concerned.