<u>Cancellation of Hospital Authority</u> Convention 2020

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority $\ddot{1}_4$ ^HA $\ddot{1}_4$ %today (February 14) announced the cancellation of the HA Convention 2020 scheduled to be held from May 4 to 5, in light of the latest situation of the novel coronavirus epidemic.

"Upon careful deliberation of the latest situation, the HA Convention Organising Committee has decided to cancel this year's convention to allow frontline healthcare staff planning to join the event to focus their efforts on the fight against the disease and the provision of emergency and essential patient services," the HA spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that social distancing is also an important public health initiative to prevent the further spread of the epidemic.