<u>Public hospitals daily update on</u> <u>COVID-19 cases</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (April 7), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 120 patients (60 male and 60 female, aged eight to 96) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 729 patients under isolation currently. So far, 236 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infections have been discharged upon recovery.

With the service consolidation of the AsiaWorld-Expo and North Lantau Hospital test centres, and service commencement of the triage and test centres at the Accident and Emergency Departments of various public hospitals, the Hospital Authority (HA) will cease to announce test service statistics of the AsiaWorld-Expo centre separately beginning today. All preliminary positive test results obtained by public hospital laboratories will be further confirmed by the Department of Health and announced as confirmed cases collectively.

The HA will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.