## Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (August 4), a total of 1 515 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 172 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 427 patients are in isolation wards, 93 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 456 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 136 in total are new patients. There are seven newly reported critical patients and four newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 27 patients in critical condition and 19 are in serious condition, of which seven critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 189 patients who have recovered, including 170 patients who have been discharged. In addition, three patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 56 269 patients who have recovered so far, including 56 019 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 68 649 patients who have recovered, including 68 399 patients who have been discharged.

The Hospital Authority 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.