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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (October 1), a total of 1 672 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 165 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 283 patients are in isolation wards, 135 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 383 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 122 in total are new patients. There are eight newly reported critical patients and three newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 36 patients in critical condition and 27 are in serious condition, of which 11 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 247 patients who have recovered, including 208 patients who have been discharged. In addition, six patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 73 077 patients who have recovered so far, including 72 745 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 85 457 patients who have recovered, including 85 125 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.