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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (December 3), a total of 2 765 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 321 new patients. Currently, there are 289 patients requiring oxygen therapy and 16 patients requiring ventilator support. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 606 patients are in isolation wards, 202 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 595 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 206 in total are new patients. There are 11 newly reported critical patients and 12 newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 52 patients in critical condition and 78 are in serious condition, of which 15 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 313 patients who have recovered, including 263 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 13 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

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.