

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

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As at 9am today (February 20), 31 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. Including two patients (case number: 10823 and 10829) discharged earlier on February 18, a total of 10 362 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged so far.

At present, there are 677 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 224 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 244 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 22 public hospitals and a community treatment facility, among which 18 patients are in critical condition, 12 are in serious condition and the remaining 214 patients are in stable condition.

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.

Details of the above-mentioned patients are as follows:

Patient condition	Case numbers
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Meetings of Legislative Council and its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

Details of the meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and its Committees to be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from February 22 to 26 are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the LegCo Calendar on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

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LegCo Panel on Economic Development visits Ocean Park (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Economic Development conducted a visit to the Ocean Park today (February 20) to better understand the proposed way forward of the Park.

Accompanied by the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr Joe Wong, and the Chairman of the Ocean Park Corporation, Mr Lau Ming-wai, members visited the existing facilities of the lower park area and upper park area including Aqua City Lagoon and Ocean Park Tower. Members were briefed by the Administration on the proposed way forward of the Park as well as the financial arrangements. Members also visited the Water World, which will open this summer, to learn about its features.

Together with the Ocean Park Corporation, the Government has completed the rethink exercise for charting the way forward of the Park, which suggests

that the Park should transform into a resort and leisure destination. A new mixed mode of operation by outsourcing part of the Park's area or facilities for development and operation is proposed so that the Park will become financially sustainable in the long run. A new ticketing regime will also be considered to introduce. To support the implementation of the strategy, the Government has proposed providing non-recurrent funding support for the Park's operations and time-limited subvention on conservation and education work of the Park, as well as restructuring of the Government loans.

Further to the meeting held by videoconferencing on January 25, the Panel on Economic Development will hold a meeting next Monday (February 22) to further discuss the proposed way forward of Ocean Park. The agenda and discussion papers for the meeting are available at the following webpage: www.legco.gov.hk/yr20-21/english/panels/edev/agenda/edev20210222.htm

Members participating in the visit were the Panel Chairman, Mr Christopher Cheung; Panel members Mr Yiu Si-wing, Dr Lo Wai-kwok, Mr Chung Kwok-pan and Mr Tony Tse; as well as non-Panel members Mr Michael Tien and Ms Yung Hoi-yan.

