<u>United Christian Hospital makes public</u> <u>appeal to help locate missing patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for the United Christian Hospital (UCH) made the following appeal today (February 11) regarding a patient leaving the hospital without notifying hospital staff:

A 28-year-old female patient was found to have left the surgical ward at UCH without notifying hospital staff at around 9pm last night (February 10).

Upon departure of the patient without prior notice, security guards were deployed to search for the patient within the hospital compound and the vicinity. The hospital also reported to the police for assistance. The hospital is very concerned about the incident and will fully co-operate with police to locate the patient.

The patient is about 1.55 meters tall, thin, with long, gold and brown hair. According to CCTV footage, she was wearing a white T-shirt, denim jacket and grey trousers when she left the ward.

The hospital appeals to the public to contact the police or the hospital hotline at 3949 4002 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.