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By e-mail
The Editor
The Sunday Telegraph

Dear Sir or Madam,

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I refer to your article "*Inside the hidden clinics making up Hong Kong's underground resistance army*"

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/12/29/inside-hidden-clinics-making-hong-kongs-underground-resistance/> published on 29 December 2019, which mentioned the incident in Hong Kong in November 2019 where people who were "identified as doctors and nurses" were arrested by the Hong Kong Police as well as the comments made by Dr Darren Mann.

We would like to bring your attention to the detailed response already made by the Hong Kong government on 28 November 2019, regarding Dr Darren Mann's online article (The Lancet, November 21) entitled "International humanitarian norms are violated in Hong Kong" as well as the incident taking place in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, which can be retrieved at <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201911/28/P2019112800736.htm>.

During the mass exodus that occurred in the evening of 17 November 2019, the Police detained all those leaving the campus owing to the large number of people leaving and the ongoing chaotic situation, which included people dressed up as first-aid workers. The Police followed-up by confirming their identities and credentials, and those as first-aid workers who could prove their bona fides were released. Among those detained by the Police, there were 12 people self-claimed to be first-aid workers who did not have first-aid qualifications and did not work for any medical institution. The Police also started making arrangements in the morning of 18 November 2019 for the Hong Kong Red Cross volunteers to enter the campus.

Yours faithfully,

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