

Appeal for blood donation as stocks down to three to four days' supply remaining

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of the Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) today (September 13) urgently appeals to members of the public to donate blood as inventories have been depleted to a very low level, with only three to four days of stock remaining. The BTS urgently appeals to members of the public to come forward and give blood, sharing their blessings of reunion amid the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day holidays. Most BTS donor centres are open on public holidays (see Annex).

The BTS aims to collect 650 units of blood daily to meet the need of all hospitals across the city. Sufficient blood supply is crucial to facilitate clinical transfusions. Members of the public aged between 16 and 65 (donation is possible up to the age of 75 if predetermined conditions are met), weighing 41 kilograms or above and in good health are eligible to give blood. The BTS reminds donors to make appointment via its website, HK Blood mobile apps or by calling the BTS donor centres.