

# Contract awarded for Tsuen Wan District Health Centre

The Food and Health Bureau announced today (May 31) that the operation service contract for the Tsuen Wan District Health Centre (TW DHC) has been awarded through open tender to the Yan Chai Hospital Board (the operator). The operator is expected to commence a three-year operation of the DHC within this year. The contract sum for the whole period is \$337.57 million.

The operator is required to set up, apart from the DHC core centre, four satellite centres in Tsuen Wan within the first year of operation. The core centre and the satellite centres will open for 10 hours daily, six days a week. Apart from the major operating team, the operator is also required to recruit and develop a multi-disciplinary network of medical and healthcare practitioners (including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and Chinese medicine practitioners) practising in Tsuen Wan or nearby areas. This network of health professionals aims to provide multiple service channels and points, with a view to offering medical and healthcare consultations and/or assessments to the DHC members upon referral, to complement the operation of the DHC. The TW DHC is also responsible for co-ordinating with other social welfare and healthcare service community partners in the district to make referrals for members of the public in need of the services. The operator will have to follow the Vaccine Pass arrangement during the operation of the TW DHC.

The core centre of the TW DHC will be located at Plaza 88 at Yeung Uk Road with a total floor area of about 1 000 square metres. The TW DHC will provide various primary healthcare services including health promotion, health assessment, chronic disease management and community rehabilitation.

The Government is progressively setting up DHCs and DHC Expresses in all 18 districts in a bid to establish a prevention-centred primary healthcare system in Hong Kong. The first DHC was established in Kwai Tsing District in September 2019, and the second DHC in Shum Shui Po District commenced service in June 2021. It is expected that the Tuen Mun and Wong Tai Sin DHCs will commence operation in May and June this year respectively, while the Southern and Yuen Long DHCs are also planned to start operation within this year. In addition, 11 DHC Expresses across the city have already commenced operation progressively starting from September last year.