

ExCo Non-official Members visit University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital (with photos)

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

Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Members) today (November 26) visited the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital (HKU-SZ Hospital) to learn about the hospital's development and medical and healthcare services provided to Hong Kong elderly people living in Shenzhen.

Accompanied by the HKU-SZ Hospital Chief Executive, Professor Lo Chung-mau, the ExCo Members first toured the Clinical Skills Simulation Training Centre, which introduced the first trauma life support advanced training on the Mainland and is equipped with a simulated operation room and a simulated ward. The Centre provides training in areas including clinical skills, communication skills, emergency decision-making and crisis management for doctors, nurses and paramedical staff.

The ExCo Members then proceeded to the hospital's Smart Pharmacy, and observed the running of the automatic dispensing equipment and the medicine management system and learnt about its participation in clinical trials research on new drugs.

Fully funded by the Shenzhen Municipal Government and managed by the University of Hong Kong, the HKU-SZ Hospital is a key project of Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation and has made important contributions to the medical development of the two places. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government launched the Elderly Health Care Voucher (EHV) Pilot Scheme at the HKU-SZ Hospital in 2015 to enable eligible Hong Kong elderly persons to use EHV's to pay for the fees of outpatient services provided by designated clinics/departments at the hospital. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme, more than 3 100 eligible Hong Kong elderly persons have used EHV's at the HKU-SZ Hospital.

To understand the hospital's medical facilities for the care of both the young and the aged, the ExCo Members also called on the Paediatric Orthopaedics and Surgery Ward and the Chinese Medicine Clinic, which is the service most frequented by elderly patients using EHV's.

The ExCo members acknowledged the hospital's quality medical services through the introduction of advanced international medical technology, facilities, treatment modes and hospital management, noting that the hospital is dedicated to benefiting citizens, not only Shenzhen locals and other Mainland citizens but also people from Hong Kong. They expressed the hope that the hospital would continue to upgrade its services and facilities to cater to the medical needs of citizens of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao

Greater Bay Area, and contribute its expertise to medical development.

Non-official Members joining the visit today were Convenor Mr Bernard Chan, Professor Arthur Li, Mr Chow Chung-kong, Mrs Fanny Law, Mr Ip Kwok-him, Mr Tommy Cheung, Mr Joseph Yam, Mr Wong Kwok-kin, Dr Lam Ching-choi and Mr Kenneth Lau.

