## <u>Give blood to save lives during Easter</u> <u>and Ching Ming Festival holidays (with photos)</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In light of the upcoming extended five-day Easter and Ching Ming Festival holidays, Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) appeals to members of the public to donate blood during the festive season to ensure a stable blood supply. Citizens are also encouraged to share the joy of rebirth at Easter by registering for bone marrow donation.

Most BTS donor centres will be open during the extended Easter holiday. As a token of thanks, all successful blood donations from April 2 to 16 at donor centre or donation vehicle will receive a "stress ball", which helps facilitate better blood flow during blood donation. The souvenir comes in two designs and will be distributed on a random basis, while stock lasts.

To prevent crowds from gathering and long waiting time at the donor centres, donors are advised to make appointments by calling the BTS' donor centres or via the "HK Blood" mobile app: <a href="www5.ha.org.hk/rcbts/hkblood-intro?lang=en">www5.ha.org.hk/rcbts/hkblood-intro?lang=en</a>.

Meanwhile, a new donor centre located in Wan Chai has been in service early this week, facilitating group donation of public and private organisations at the central business district. Blood donation appointment for individual donors is also welcome. Address of the new centre is Unit 3, G/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, with service hours from 10am to 6pm from Mondays to Fridays, and close on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Prospective donors are invited to call the centre on 6392 5778 for making an appointment.



11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 旺角捐血站 Mongkok Donor Centre 沙田捐血站 Shatin Donor Centre 元朗捐血站 Yuen Long Donor Centre

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 銅鑼灣捐血站 Causeway Bay Donor Centre 觀塘捐血站 Kwun Tong Donor Centre 荃灣捐血站 Tsuen Wan Donor Centre

中區捐血站 Central District Donor Centre 灣仔捐血站 Wan Chai Donor Centre





