

HA Global Healthcare Professional Recruitment Centre established

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (December 21) announced the establishment of the Hospital Authority Global Healthcare Professional Recruitment Centre to co-ordinate the recruitment and exchange programmes of non-locally trained healthcare professionals from around the world, including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, with an aim to expand the manpower pool of the Hong Kong public healthcare system to cope with the growing service demand.

The HA Chairman, Mr Henry Fan, said, "The building up of healthcare talent pool is the key to establish a Healthy Hong Kong. In addition to locally trained healthcare professionals, we are also committed to bringing in global healthcare talent to the HA by various means, promoting professional exchange and further enhancing the medical standards in Hong Kong, making Hong Kong an important global healthcare hub."

The Recruitment Centre will continue reaching out to more high-calibre healthcare professionals on different global platforms, introducing the working environment, explaining various registration pathways, and promulgating the advantages of serving in Hong Kong. The Recruitment Centre is planning further recruitment events in various parts of the world next year and will also explore collaboration opportunities with healthcare professional bodies and institutions in various places to co-ordinate exchange programmes in different formats.

The Global Healthcare Talent Scheme launched by the HA earlier has already attracted 25 doctors to join. A doctor from Malaysia had started exchange in Hong Kong since last month, and another 14 doctors from places such as Malaysia and the United Kingdom are expected to come next year. In addition, the HA has reached consensus with the Macao Health Bureau to launch the Macao Specialist Trainee Programme. At least 10 doctors from Macao are joining the HA for training in 2024.

"Apart from joining the HA as long-term staff, global healthcare professionals are also welcome to come to Hong Kong for short to medium-term exchange or training programmes and to conduct clinical observership or participate in clinical work in Hong Kong public hospitals, which will promote mutual learning and greatly benefit the improvement of Hong Kong's medical service standards," Mr Fan added.

The Recruitment Centre will launch a dedicated website to provide one-stop service for healthcare professionals who are interested in working in Hong Kong, to obtain the latest employment information, and to make relevant enquiries and submit job applications. The Recruitment Centre will arrange for a designated team to handle enquiries and applications from non-locally trained healthcare professionals through online platforms and instant

messaging software.