

# HA welcomes acceptance of salary adjustment proposal by supporting staff

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) made the following announcement today (March 11) in response to the acceptance of the HA's salary adjustment proposal by the representatives of supporting staff:

The HA welcomes the acceptance of the salary adjustment proposal by the supporting staff representatives. The HA will submit the proposal to the HA Board for deliberation and endorsement before seeking funding support from the Government for implementation on April 1, to retain serving staff and recruit new staff to help relieve front-line workload.

The HA expresses gratitude to supporting staff for their dedication in taking care of patients and to the staff representatives for supporting the HA's work in the interest of patients at large. The new salary adjustment proposal is an 8 per cent pay rise across the board for all Patient Care Assistants, Operation Assistants and Executive Assistants (PCAs, OpAs and EAs) covering both new recruits and serving staff. At present, there are about 25,000 PCAs, OpAs and EAs in total working in public hospitals.

The HA will continue to maintain close communication with supporting staff (including Healthcare Assistant) on measures to attract and retain staff.