HA's response to media enquiries on non-locally trained doctors

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In response to media enquiries on non-locally trained doctors, the spokesperson for the Hospital Authority (HA) replied as follows today (February 4):

Sustainability of public healthcare services has always been the HA's key concern and a topic under study. Hence, the HA welcomes any suggestions in increasing healthcare manpower.

The HA will study the proposal in detail when more specific information is available. It will communicate with both internal and external stakeholders with a view to upholding the professional standard of public healthcare services in meeting public expectations and heavy service demand.

The HA will continue to enhance medical manpower through various measures, including the recruitment of all suitable medical graduates from local universities, and to continue to recruit non-locally trained doctors to work in public hospitals under limited registration.