

Health Bureau expresses gratitude to Mainland authorities and units for their support in delivering cord blood haematopoietic stem cell unit to HK for treatment of paediatric patient

The Health Bureau (HHB) expresses gratitude to various Mainland authorities and units for their support for and facilitation of the smooth delivery of a cord blood haematopoietic stem cell unit from the Mainland to Hong Kong today (July 25) for the treatment of a five-year-old girl suffering from thalassaemia.

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, said, "This exercise exemplifies the close relationship between Guangdong and Hong Kong. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the relevant Mainland authorities and units, including the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China and the Red Cross Society of China, for their substantial support which enabled the Guangdong Cord Blood Bank's smooth delivery of the cord blood haematopoietic stem cell unit to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH), thereby bringing hope for the paediatric patient's treatment."

The HKCH has been providing treatment for the paediatric patient concerned and is planning to perform a haematopoietic stem cell transplant for her. After being made aware of the storage of the cord blood haematopoietic stem cell unit of the patient's relative at a cord blood bank in Guangzhou, the medical team communicated and collaborated with the cord blood bank to actualise the successful cross-boundary delivery of the cord blood haematopoietic stem cell unit.