

Health Bureau responds to media enquiries on relocation of services of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and future use of King's Park site

In response to media enquiries on the relocation of the services of Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) and the future use of the King's Park site, a spokesman for the Health Bureau said today (March 19) that at this stage, the Government has no plan to use the King's Park site for purposes other than for healthcare. The Government will consider the future healthcare use and development plan of the King's Park site in the course of reviewing the Second Hospital Development Plan (HDP).

The spokesman said, "To dovetail with the implementation of the First HDP of the Hospital Authority (HA), the services of QEH will be relocated to New Acute Hospital (NAH) at Kai Tak Development Area gradually starting from early 2026. By then, most of the clinical services of QEH, including the accident and emergency services, will be relocated to NAH; while the Ambulatory Care Centre (Extension) of QEH will remain at the King's Park site."

Situated in Central Kowloon, NAH will form a service network with Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Wong Tai Sin Hospital in Kowloon City District; Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon Hospital and other hospitals in the Kowloon Central Cluster; as well as the Ambulatory Care Centre (Extension) of QEH to provide comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of the community.

The HA has been maintaining close liaison with the relevant departments, including the Transport Department (TD), on various support for NAH. Regarding public transport services, the TD will plan in advance the provision of appropriate public transport services having regard to the progress and anticipated completion date of the NAH project. The TD will also continue to closely monitor the development of the area, and adjust or strengthen the local public transport services based on actual circumstances, with a view to further enhancing the road traffic network in the vicinity of NAH having regard to the needs of the passengers, including patients seeking services at the hospital.

The spokesman added that the Health Bureau and the HA are reviewing the Second HDP by taking into account the future planning of Hong Kong (including the latest development of the Northern Metropolis), anticipated population distribution and projected healthcare service demand. After the relocation of clinical services from QEH to NAH, there will be room for development of healthcare services at the King's Park site. Given the convenient geographical location, it will be a feasible option to consider the expansion

of the ambulatory care services at the King's Park site based on the demand of the population in Kowloon.