

Hong Kong's first Chinese medicine hospital officially named "The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong" (with photo)

The Government announced today (October 9) the official naming of Hong Kong's first Chinese medicine hospital as "The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong" (CMHHK) and launched the hospital's logo at the same time. The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, said that the establishment of the CMHHK marks a milestone in the city's commitment to driving Chinese medicine (CM) development. The Government is actively progressing with various preparations for the commissioning of the CMHHK, aiming to commence services in phases starting from the end of next year.

Professor Lo said, "As the first CM service-predominant hospital in Hong Kong, the CMHHK will lead the way for local CM services to go beyond primary healthcare and play a part in secondary and tertiary healthcare, signifying a major breakthrough in CM development of Hong Kong. The CMHHK will also serve as the city's flagship CM institution, taking on the roles of a pioneer and change-driver to leverage Hong Kong's traditional advantages in CM through active interaction with various stakeholders in the CM sector and joining forces with the sector to promote CM development in Hong Kong, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the international community as a whole, thereby contributing to the construction of CM Highlands in the GBA and the national CM development."

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The design of the CMHHK logo, characterised by the outline of the hospital building, incorporates the Chinese character "ä," among architectural features that depict the building outlines and colours resembling a mountain range. It also includes a moon gate design common in classical Chinese gardens, symbolising a welcoming passageway for the public into the extensive and profound realm of CM. The overall design of the logo showcases both traditional Chinese architectural elements and the vibrancy of Chinese culture, highlighting the unique position of the CMHHK within Hong Kong's healthcare system.

The CMHHK will focus on providing pure CM, CM-predominant and integrated Chinese-Western medicine clinical services, covering government-subsidised inpatient and outpatient services. The hospital will also undertake key missions in training and education, research, collaboration and creating health values, including offering clinical internships to students of the three local universities with Schools of Chinese Medicine and serving as a clinical training platform for CM practitioners. Moreover, the CMHHK will collaborate with universities and education institutions in Hong Kong, on the Mainland and overseas on clinical research, proprietary Chinese medicines development and other CM-related research to push forward the research

development of CM.

Located at 1 Pak Shing Kok Road in Tseung Kwan O, the CMHHK adopts a public-private partnership model with its construction fully funded by the Government. The Government commissioned Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) as the Contractor through tendering procedures in 2021. HKBU subsequently incorporated a company limited by guarantee (i.e. HKBU Chinese Medicine Hospital Company Limited) in the same year in accordance with the service deed to act as the Operator for managing, operating and maintaining the hospital.

