

# Hospital Authority and Macao Health Bureau renew five-year collaboration agreement (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) and the Health Bureau of the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region renewed a five-year (2023-2028) collaboration agreement yesterday (August 28). The agreement covers initiatives including continuously strengthening the developments of healthcare and medical administrative management between the two places and fully supporting the healthcare collaboration in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), including various disciplines such as academic and skills exchanges, manpower training, information exchanges, medical administration, emergency healthcare and in-kind support, case referrals and exchanges on treatment and information on infectious diseases, etc.

The HA Chairman, Mr Henry Fan, and the HA Chief Executive, Dr Tony Ko, led a delegation to the Health Bureau of Macao to attend the collaboration agreement signing ceremony. A high-level meeting was held during the ceremony to summarise the achievements and set the future direction for co-operation. The two parties signed the first collaboration agreement in 2007, establishing and maintaining a close partnership. Subsequently, the agreement was renewed in 2013 and 2018. Dr Ko and the Director of the Health Bureau of Macao, Dr Lo Iek-long, renewed the collaboration agreement for five years yesterday.

Mr Fan said, "Since 2007, the HA has signed the collaboration agreement with the Health Bureau of Macao. It is a pleasure to see the continuation of exchanges and collaboration between the two places. The HA is proactively in line with the healthcare policies of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to enhance the collaboration with relevant healthcare and medical institutions in different cities in the GBA, and accelerate the development of public hospitals in order to better integrate itself into the national development. We hope to maintain close collaboration with the Health Bureau of Macao in the future based on the profound foundation created in the past to further upgrade the professional level of public hospital services in Hong Kong and Macao to achieve concerted development and mutual benefits."

On the training of healthcare talent, Hong Kong and Macao have each held a wide variety of specialist doctor training activities in the past to promote the exchanges and training of medical professionals in the two places. The Health Bureau of Macao has also arranged for doctors to go to Hong Kong for specialist training and attend symposiums multiple times. The HA is considering enhancing the arrangements for the specialist training of medical professionals nominated by the Health Bureau of Macao to Hong Kong, so as to further strengthen the nurturing and academic exchanges of

healthcare talent between the two places.

Mr Fan said that through the renewal of the collaboration agreement, the HA hopes to keep close ties with the Health Bureau of Macao in the medical and healthcare field, learn from each other, enhance the quality of healthcare services in both places and cope with the challenges posed by an ageing population and make greater contributions for the well-being of the public.

