

Hospital Authority and Peking Union Medical College Hospital sign five-year collaborative agreement (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) and the Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) signed a five-year (2024-2029) collaborative agreement yesterday (January 17) to strengthen exchanges and co-operation between the two parties in the development and management of public hospitals, covering various areas such as hospital management, healthcare services development, healthcare professional development, training of healthcare professionals and management personnel, etc.

The HA Chairman, Mr Henry Fan, and the HA Chief Executive, Dr Tony Ko, led a delegation to visit the PUMCH for two consecutive days and attended the collaborative agreement signing ceremony and exchange on clinical diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. The two sides signed a five-year letter of intent on strategic co-operation in 2011 to jointly explore innovative models of public hospital management. In order to maintain a close partnership, Dr Ko and the President of the PUMCH, Professor Zhang Shuyang, signed the collaborative agreement for five years yesterday, witnessed by Mr Fan; the Honorary President of the PUMCH, Professor Zhao Yupei; the Secretary of the Party Committee of the PUMCH, Mr Wu Peixin; and the Deputy Director General of the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Office of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, Ms Li Wei.

Mr Fan said, "The HA signed a letter of intent for co-operation with the PUMCH for the first time in 2011, and conducted exchanges in various aspects over the years. During the HA's visit to the PUMCH in September last year, we exchanged views on issues of common concern regarding public hospital management and development, and agreed to sign another five-year collaborative agreement between the two sides to lay a solid foundation for future collaborations. The HA proactively ties in with the healthcare policies of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to enhance the collaboration with relevant healthcare and medical institutions on the Mainland, and accelerate the development of public hospitals in order to better integrate itself into the national development."

Professor Zhang recalled that the two parties have established a profound foundation of collaboration through long-term exchanges and looks forward to joining hands again this time to deepen co-operation. "The PUMCH hopes that in the future both places will leverage their respective strengths, focus on needs, meet and liaise regularly, innovate management models, promote exchanges, carry out research collaboration, focus on talent

training, and promote exchanges and co-operation between the two parties in a more pragmatic manner."

Mr Fan added that the public healthcare services in Hong Kong and Beijing can learn from each other, and are looking forward to mutual learning and further collaboration in hospital management and services development such as in the area of promoting clinical professional development and exchanges, as well as talent nurturing, etc, so as to jointly enhance the quality and standards of healthcare services of the two parties. The HA will continue to maintain close tie with the healthcare institutions on the Mainland for the well-being of patients.

