

# Hospital Authority welcomes arrival of Guangdong Province healthcare professionals in Hong Kong (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (April 17) welcomed the arrival of about 80 healthcare professionals from Guangdong Province who are participating in Greater Bay Area Healthcare Talents Visiting Programmes. Together with seven doctors, two Chinese medicine experts who arrived earlier, and another Chinese medicine expert who will arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow (April 18), the aim is to uplift the level of the healthcare sector in Hong Kong and the Mainland for the benefit of patients through professional exchanges over the course of a year or so.

The HA Chairman, Mr Henry Fan, and its Chief Executive, Dr Tony Ko, welcomed the Guangdong healthcare professionals who arrived by high-speed rail at the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station. Mr Fan said, "Today marks an important milestone in our exchanges with Mainland healthcare professionals. About 80 healthcare professionals have brought their knowledge and experience to Hong Kong to exchange ideas with our healthcare professionals and learn from each other. They have rich experience in different medical fields, and everyone will be learning a lot from the exchanges which will also benefit our patients."

Seventy nurses will be assigned to different hospitals in the seven clusters under the HA to exchange knowledge on different nursing expertise areas and clinical work. As for the ten doctors, they will be assigned to exchange in the Kowloon Central Cluster, Kowloon West Cluster and New Territories West Cluster. They have been approved by the Medical Council of Hong Kong to practice with limited registration and will participate in clinical work in the hospitals of the three clusters. As for the two Chinese medicine experts who came to Hong Kong at the end of last year, and another Chinese medicine expert who will arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow, they will continue participating in clinical training work on integrated Chinese-Western medicine in different hospitals.

"We are deeply grateful to different Mainland authorities, especially the Health Commission of Guangdong Province, for sending this group of experienced healthcare professionals to Hong Kong for this exchange. It is not easy for them to leave their families and patients for a long period. We also want to thank the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and other organisations for their great efforts in assisting in the arrival of the healthcare professionals today so

they could embark on their exchange work for about a year," Mr Fan said.

The HA will continue to capitalise on Greater Bay Area development opportunities so as to strengthen the integration of medical services in Hong Kong and the Mainland to achieve mutual benefits. The HA will continue to attract talents through various channels, and improve the standard of medical services in Hong Kong for the benefit of patients.

