<u>Hospital Authority welcomes</u> <u>reappointment of Mr Henry Fan as</u> <u>Chairman</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority (HA), Dr Tony Ko, welcomed the Government's announcement to reappoint Mr Henry Fan as the Chairman of the HA.

The Government made an announcement today (July 28) to reappoint Mr Henry Fan as the Chairman of the HA for a term of two years with effect from December 1, 2023. Mr Fan has been serving as the Chairman of the HA since 2019. Mr Fan said, "I am very honoured to work with over 90 000 staff from different disciplines and professions in the HA. All HA staff go above and beyond the call of duty in their positions, safeguarding the health of Hong Kong citizens. The key task of the HA is to enforce sustainable public health services, maintaining both quality and quantity and ensuring that patients receive proper care.

"With a rapidly ageing population, the medical demand of citizens surges. On top of that, the shortage of healthcare staff creates a more challenging scene. The Task Group on Sustainability of the HA continuously reviews issues related to the sustainable development of the public healthcare system, manages and diverges the demand and supply on medical services, so that the public healthcare system can continue to protect the health of our citizens. Meanwhile, we will work hard to casting around for suitable healthcare professionals. Not only do the ongoing Global Healthcare Talent Scheme and Greater Bay Area Healthcare Talents Visiting Programmes bring in new blood to the HA, but they also allow our staff and medical professionals across the globe to learn from one another, shining bright together on their career paths. Certainly the most important source of manpower relies on local training and the serving staff members. Their professional contribution in caring for patients always supports the local public healthcare development."

Mr Fan added that he will keep working closely with the Health Bureau, the HA Board and all of the staff, striving to enhance and provide highquality public healthcare services to Hong Kong citizens.

Dr Ko said, "Mr Fan's vision and wealth of management experience have led us to sail through all the ups and downs. We will continue to pledge our full support to and join hands with Mr Fan in the years ahead."