<u>Limited Registration approved for</u> overseas doctors

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (January 9) announced that confirmation has been received from the Medical Council of Hong Kong on the approval of five renewal applications of non-locally trained doctors for practice with Limited Registration in public hospitals to help relieve the front-line workload. The five doctors have been serving in the Anaesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine Departments.

The spokesperson said currently there are 10 non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals under Limited Registration to relieve manpower shortage and workload pressure of front-line doctors in the specialties of anaesthesia, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, family medicine and internal medicine.

"The HA will continue to exhaust every effort to attract fully registered local doctors and retain public doctors. Meanwhile, we would like to express appreciation to all doctors for their commitments and contributions to serving the public under manpower constraint," the spokesperson said.