

# New Blood Donation Vehicle in service to extend service network for donors' convenience (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The brand new Lions Blood Donation Vehicle of Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) commenced service today (April 13). The Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Chui Tak-yi; the Hospital Authority Chief Executive, Dr Leung Pak-yin, and representatives of Lions Clubs International District 303 – Hong Kong & Macao, China (Lions Clubs), officiated the launch ceremony this morning. It is hoped that the new vehicle can serve as an extended service arm for BTS in enhancing the mobility of blood collection across a wider community network.

Dr Leung shared in his opening speech at the ceremony that BTS first introduced the blood donation vehicle to Hong Kong in 1973, it was also the first of its type in Southeast Asia. Carrying the mission "Give Blood Save Life", it was well received by the public.

Dr Leung believed, "With the support and coordination from the communities, BTS' donor centres, mobile blood drive and blood donation vehicle can complement each other to enhance blood collection." He also expressed his gratitude to the Lions Clubs for its generous donation.

BTS will update the new vehicle's service schedule via its website, social media and HK Blood APP. The new vehicle is 11-metre long, 3.8-metre high, 2.6-metre wide and weighs 16 tonnes. With a built-in generator, the vehicle is able to operate independently and hence with greater flexibility for blood collection service.



