

Phase 1 extension project of Tuen Mun Hospital Accident and Emergency Department completed (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Tuen Mun Hospital announced today (June 12) that the extension of the Accident and Emergency Department (AED), located on the ground floor of the Tuen Mun Hospital Operating Theater Extension Block, will commence service at 8am on June 15 (Thursday). On completion of the entire project, the building area of the new AED will be nearly double that of the existing Department, and patients are expected to have a more comfortable and spacious environment during medical consultations.

The extension part of the AED is designed according to the patient consultation procedure, aiming at making the flow of medical consultations smoother and more convenient. The spokesman said: "The registration and waiting areas are located near the new AED entrance. After registration, patients can proceed to a triage procedure according to instructions. In addition, the waiting area is connected to the consultation area, making the process of seeking a medical consultation more convenient."

Starting from 8am on June 15, the main entrance of the AED will move to the AED extension area (located on the ground floor of the Tuen Mun Hospital Operating Theater Extension Block, adjacent to the Pathology Block). Patients can use the new entrance to access to the AED (see attached photo).

The waiting area of the existing AED, which is currently located in the main block of the hospital, will then undergo renovation work. Emergency services will not be affected during the period of renovation. Upon commencement of the extension part of the AED, there will be a 40 per cent increase in the number of seats in the patient waiting area, together with an increase in the number of triage stations and consultation rooms, which in turn will provide a more spacious environment for patients' consultations.

The spokesperson added, "In addition to the above-mentioned convenient consultation procedures and spacious environment, the AED extension also has a number of new infrastructural features. The new waiting area for patients with fevers for patient treatment cohorts will mitigate the risk of cross infection. Furthermore, toilets in the AED extension are equipped with emergency alarm bells and motion detection alarm systems to further enhance safety."

The hospital has notified the Fire Services Department and various public transport operators of the relevant arrangements. The hospital has set up notices at the entrances and exits to remind the public of the new

entrance of the AED, and the date and time of relocation. For enquiries, members of the public can call 2468 5208 during office hours.

