

## Secretary for Health leads delegation to attend 2024 World Conference on Traditional Medicine in Beijing

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, will lead a delegation to Beijing this afternoon (December 2) to attend the 2024 World Conference on Traditional Medicine to be held in two consecutive days starting tomorrow (December 3), to engage in in-depth discussions and exchanges with senior health officials from around the world as well as experts and academics in the traditional medicine fields on issues including the inheritance and innovation of traditional medicine, and the promotion of integration of traditional medicine into healthcare service systems.

The conference is jointly organised by the National Health Commission, the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the People's Government of Beijing Municipality in collaboration with the World Health Organization. Professor Lo will attend the Government Forum and deliver a keynote address to introduce to attendees from around the world Hong Kong's achievements in fostering the development of Chinese medicine and the strategic direction for advancing the internationalisation of Chinese medicine.

Members of the Hong Kong delegation include the Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam; the Commissioner for Chinese Medicine Development of the Health Bureau (HHB), Dr Vincent Chung; the Assistant Director of Health (Chinese Medicine), Dr Edmund Fong; the Head of Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office of the Department of Health (DH), Dr Fung Ying; the Chairman of the Hospital Authority (HA), Mr Henry Fan; the Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko; as well as officials of the HHB, the DH and the HA. The Hospital Chief Executive of the Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong, Professor Bian Zhaoxiang, will join the delegation for the conference.

Professor Lo will return to Hong Kong on December 4. During his absence, the Under Secretary for Health, Dr Libby Lee, will be the Acting Secretary for Health.