

## Secretary for Health meets delegations of Beijing and Macao Special Administrative Region (with photos)

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, had separate meetings with delegations led by Deputy Director of the Beijing Municipal Health Commission Mr Li Ang and the Director of the Health Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government, Dr Lo Iek-long, today (May 16) to explore ways of strengthening co-operation in the area of healthcare.

During the meetings, Professor Lo and the delegations introduced their respective work progress and achievements attained lately in relation to healthcare development, and shared experiences on achieving the high-quality development of public hospitals with a view to drawing concerted efforts in enhancing healthcare quality and contributing to the national strategy of "Healthy China".

Professor Lo said, "The Health Bureau has been maintaining close connection with health departments in various places, including Beijing and Macao, and continuously exploring collaboration in multiple areas and aspects of healthcare. Among others, we are discussing with Beijing various forms of talent exchange programmes and finalising the details of the Pilot Scheme for Direct Cross-boundary Ambulance Transfer in the Greater Bay Area with the Macao SAR Government. The Ambulance Transfer arrangement will provide point-to-point direct transfer service between hospitals of the two places for patients with specific needs. Looking ahead, we will continue to build closer co-operation relationship with the Mainland and Macao on the basis of complementarity and mutual benefits, thereby enhancing the healthcare services of various places as a whole for the benefit of the public."

The delegations of Beijing and the Macao SAR also attended the Hospital Authority (HA) Convention during their visits to Hong Kong.

The Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam; the Chairman of the HA, Mr Henry Fan; and the Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, also joined some of the meetings today.

