

## Secretary for Health meets Xiamen Municipal Public Health delegation (with photos)

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, met with the Xiamen Municipal Public Health delegation led by the Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of Xiamen Municipal People's Congress, Mr Zheng Yuelin, today (October 18) to explore the room and potential for collaboration between Xiamen and Hong Kong on healthcare aspects.

At the meeting, Professor Lo introduced to the delegation Hong Kong's policy and latest developments in the primary healthcare area including various measures rolled out since the release of the Primary Healthcare Blueprint last December, such as the establishment of a community-based primary healthcare system, advocacy of the family doctor concept and promotion of the mindset of early management of health and chronic diseases among citizens, as well as enhancements to the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHealth).

Moreover, Professor Lo also shared with the delegation the latest developments in various healthcare fields in Hong Kong, covering work in medical innovations, public health enhancement, hospital management, service quality advancement, etc. Both sides also agreed to give priority to exploring co-operation on the aforementioned healthcare aspects in the future.

Professor Lo said, "The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has all along been reinforcing co-operation on healthcare service developments with various Mainland provinces and cities under the principle of complementarity and mutual benefits, and on the premise of benefitting the healthcare development of both the Mainland and Hong Kong to level up the healthcare quality. Looking ahead, we will remain committed to fostering cross-boundary medical co-operation so as to propel the important national strategy of 'Healthy China' through concerted contributions."

The Acting Director of Health, Dr Amy Chiu; the Commissioner for Primary Healthcare of the Health Bureau (HHB), Dr Pang Fei-chau; the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr Tony Ko, and other officials of the HHB also attended the meeting today.

