<u>Secretary for Health to attend</u> <u>Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay</u> <u>Area Conference on Inheritance,</u> <u>Innovation and Development of</u> <u>Traditional Chinese Medicine in</u> <u>Dongguan</u>

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, will lead a delegation to Dongguan today (November 13) to attend the 6th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Conference on Inheritance, Innovation and Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine, with a view to driving the construction of the Chinese medicine (CM) highlands in the GBA, and promoting exchanges and co-operation.

The conference is co-organised by the Traditional Chinese Medicine Bureau of Guangdong Province, the Health Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HHB), the Health Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government and the Dongguan Municipal People's Government. Professor Lo will deliver a speech at the opening ceremony tomorrow morning (November 14), and witness the signing of the Framework Agreement on Co-operation in CM Talent Cultivation between Guangdong and Hong Kong by the HHB and the Traditional Chinese Medicine Bureau of Guangdong Province as well as the signing of agreements on multiple GBA CM co-operation projects.

Members of the Hong Kong delegation include the Director of Health, Dr Ronald Lam; the Project Director of the Chinese Medicine Hospital Project Office of the HHB, Dr Cheung Wai-lun; the Commissioner for Chinese Medicine Development of the HHB, Dr Vincent Chung; the Assistant Director of Health (Chinese Medicine), Dr Edmund Fong; the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority (HA), Dr Tony Ko; as well as a number of officials of the HHB, the Department of Health and the HA. The Hospital Chief Executive of the Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong, Professor Bian Zhaoxiang, will also join the delegation for the conference.

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