

Secretary for Health visits HKU Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

The Secretary for Health, Professor Lo Chung-mau, visited the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong (HKUMed) on Sassoon Road, Pok Fu Lam, today (July 19) to get a better grasp of the latest progress of the HKUMed in enhancing healthcare teaching facilities and exchange views in person with teaching staff and students.

Accompanied by the Dean of the HKUMed, Professor Lau Chak-sing, Professor Lo and the Under Secretary for Health, Dr Libby Lee, visited the healthcare teaching facilities of the HKUMed and learned about the progress of the work projects for enhancing the relevant facilities.

Professor Lo and Dr Lee then met with undergraduates from different departments of the HKUMed to understand their learning experiences and aspirations in practicing healthcare professions in the future.

Professor Lo said, "Healthcare is an important pillar of people's livelihood. To ensure that medical services are accessible to all people with illnesses, it is vital to secure sufficient healthcare manpower in delivering various healthcare services to meet the needs of the community. However, Hong Kong is currently facing a shortage of public healthcare manpower. As such, the Government has been vigorously taking forward various initiatives to enhance training of healthcare professionals. In tandem with the increasing number of healthcare training places, the Government also upgrades and expands the healthcare teaching facilities of the University Grants Committee-funded universities.

"Healthcare talents are important assets of the society and the training of healthcare professionals involves a huge amount of public resources. We have to examine the optimal use of our valuable resources to maximise the benefits for the public, and explore feasible options to strengthen healthcare manpower in the public healthcare system. It is my hope that students in training will not lose their faith, which led them to pursue careers as healthcare professionals, and continue to contribute to building a healthy Hong Kong."