

## SFH starts her visit in Beijing (with photos)

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, today (December 23) embarked on the first day of her visit in Beijing.

Professor Chan met the Vice Minister of the National Health Commission (NHC), Mr Li Bin; the Commissioner of the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine (NATCM), Mr Yu Wenming; and the Director of the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA), Ms Jiao Hong, in Beijing.

"I would like to thank Mr Li, Mr Yu and Ms Jiao for meeting the delegation of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government amid their busy schedules to show their support for the work of the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Department of Health as well as the Hospital Authority (HA).

"During our meetings with the NHC, the NATCM and the NMPA, we have had in-depth discussions on various aspects of work, including cancer strategy, the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, international co-operation, the development of Chinese medicine and the setting up of the Chinese Medicine Hospital in Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government and relevant Mainland authorities will continue to exchange views, share experience and enhance co-operation on different healthcare-related issues in a bid to safeguard the health of the public."

At the meeting with Mr Yu, Professor Chan also signed a co-operation agreement with the NATCM on training of Hong Kong's Chinese medicine practitioners in the Mainland, with a view to enhancing co-operation and exchanges between both sides on clinical training of Chinese medicine.

Officials accompanying Professor Chan at today's meetings included the Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health), Ms Elizabeth Tse; the Director of Health, Dr Constance Chan; and the Project Director of the Chinese Medicine Hospital Project Office of the FHB, Dr Cheung Wai-lun. The Chairman of the HA, Mr Henry Fan, and the Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Tony Ko, also joined the visit.

Professor Chan will meet officials of the General Administration of Customs tomorrow (December 24).

