<u>SFH to attend tripartite senior health</u> <u>officials meeting in Macao</u>

â€<The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, will today (December 5) lead a delegation to Macao to attend the 17th Joint Meeting of Senior Health Officials of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao organised by the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, to be held on December 6.

The meeting provides a platform for senior medical and health officials and experts of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao to share experiences and exchange views on medical and public health issues.

Professor Chan will deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of the meeting tomorrow. Participants will discuss issues relating to co-operation on health in the Bay Area, healthcare technology and innovation, medical assistance programmes, and drug management. During the meeting, a cooperation agreement on emergency response in relation to public health issues will be signed by the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao. The Food and Health Bureau and the National Health Commission will also sign an agreement on medical and health co-operation.

Members of the Hong Kong delegation will include the Director of Health, Dr Constance Chan; the Chairman of the Hospital Authority (HA), Professor John Leong; and the Chief Executive of the HA, Dr Leung Pak-yin.

Professor Chan will return to Hong Kong on December 6. The Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Chui Tak-yi, will be the Acting Secretary for Food and Health during Professor Chan's absence.