

SFH visits North District (with photo)

The Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, today (March 13) visited North District. She visited North District Hospital (NDH) and Luen Wo Hui Market to get a better understanding of healthcare and municipal services in the district and met with members of the North District Council (NDC).

Accompanied by the Chairman of the NDC, Mr So Sai-chi, and the District Officer (North), Mr Chong Wing-wun, Professor Chan visited NDH to learn about the development plan of the hospital and take the opportunity to exchange views with front-line healthcare professionals.

The expansion of NDH is one of the projects in the first 10-year Hospital Development Plan. The scope of the works comprises the construction of a new hospital building and renovation and redevelopment of the existing building, which is expected to provide around 1 500 additional in-patient and day beds as well as extra space, with a view to meeting the operational needs and service development.

"We hope the project can improve the situation of insufficient space of hospital buildings and outdated designs as well as strengthen the services of the Accident and Emergency Department, rehabilitation and the infirmary to cope with the long-term healthcare needs of residents in New Territories East," she said.

In addition, Professor Chan visited Luen Wo Hui Market and was briefed by staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on the improvement works of the market including improving the ventilation system and overhauling the restrooms and the false ceiling of the Cooked Food Centre.

"The Government has been enhancing the environment of public markets with appropriate measures. Apart from carrying out routine maintenance, the FEHD has gradually commenced improvement works for a number of existing public markets, aiming at enhancing the facilities and providing a pleasant shopping experience for the public."

Professor Chan also met with NDC members to exchange views on medical and environmental hygiene issues in the district.

