

# Social Welfare Department expands Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (July 28) the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GD Scheme) to assist elderly persons of Hong Kong to retire in cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The two expansion measures include: (1) to cover elderly persons on the Central Waiting List for subsidised nursing home places; and (2) to invite applications from operators of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) with experience and satisfactory track records of providing subsidised residential care services in Hong Kong, which are operating RCHE(s) in GBA cities, to register their RCHEs in the GBA as Recognised Service Provider (RSP) under the GD Scheme.

The two measures will take effect from today. The SWD has conducted an online briefing session for the RCHE sector on the operation details of the GD Scheme today. Letters have also been issued to all referring offices of subsidised long-term care service for the elderly to inform them of the measures.

Eligible elderly persons who would like to apply for the GD Scheme may contact their referring offices on residential care services. Eligible RCHE operators who wish to register their RCHEs in GBA cities as RSP under the GD Scheme may download the application form (Chinese version only) from the SWD website ([www.swd.gov.hk/storage/asset/section/529/application\\_form\\_gd\\_scheme.pdf](http://www.swd.gov.hk/storage/asset/section/529/application_form_gd_scheme.pdf)) and send the completed form together with the required documents by post to the Residential Care Services Section of the Elderly Branch of the SWD.