

# Tenders invited for Southern and Yuen Long District Health Centres

The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) today (June 30) invites tenders from non-public entities to provide services for the operation of the Southern District Health Centre (DHC) and Yuen Long DHC.

The successful tenderers of the Southern and Yuen Long DHCs (i.e. the future operators of the two DHCs), upon being awarded the service contracts, will have a gearing-up period of up to eight months for the targeted commissioning of the two DHCs and associated service networks in 2022. The operation period under both contracts will be three years.

The Southern and Yuen Long DHCs will provide services with a focus on three tiers of prevention, namely primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. Their services will be adjusted taking into account the population distribution and health risk factors in the community of the districts. Government-subsidised primary healthcare services including health promotion, health assessment, chronic disease management and community rehabilitation will be provided by the operators of the DHC through medical-social collaboration and public-private partnership to enhance the public's capability in self-management of health and provide support for the chronically ill in the community.

As a key component of the public healthcare system, the DHC is a district primary healthcare hub comprising a core centre, complemented by sub-district satellite centres and a network of private medical and healthcare practitioners providing multiple access and service points. Apart from service delivery, the DHC also co-ordinates with community partners to provide social welfare and healthcare services in the district, and makes referrals as necessary.

The basic services to be operated by the DHCs are set out in the tender documents. The charges which the operators may impose on DHC clients cannot exceed the prescribed ceilings set out in the respective tender documents.

The two tender notices are available on the FHB website ([www.fhb.gov.hk/en/tender/](http://www.fhb.gov.hk/en/tender/)). A briefing session will be arranged for interested bidders on July 14, 2021 (Wednesday). Details are set out in the tender documents.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Secretariat Tender Box located in the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before noon on August 27, 2021 (Friday). Late tenders will not be accepted.