## <u>Tenders invited for Tuen Mun District</u> Health Centre

The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) today (January 29) invites tenders from non-public entities to provide services for the operation of the Tuen Mun District Health Centre (DHC).

The successful tenderer of the Tuen Mun DHC (i.e. the future operator of the DHC), upon being awarded the service contract, will have a gearing up period of up to 10 months for the targeted commissioning of the DHC and associated service network in 2022. The operation period under this contract will be three years.

The Tuen Mun DHC will provide services with a focus on three tiers of prevention, namely primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. Its services will be adjusted taking into account the population distribution and health risk factors in the community of the respective 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 DHCs through medical-social collaboration and public-private partnerships to enhance the public's capability in self-management of health and provide support for the chronically ill in the community.

Following the opening of the first DHC in Kwai Tsing District in September 2019, the Government is committed to establishing DHCs in other districts to provide person-centred and multi-disciplinary care to members of the public. The second and third DHCs located in Sham Shui Po and Wong Tai Sin will commence operation in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

As a key component of the public healthcare system, the DHC is a district primary healthcare hub comprising a core centre, supplemented 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 make referrals as necessary.

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

The tender notice is available on the FHB website (<a href="www.fhb.gov.hk/en/tender/">www.fhb.gov.hk/en/tender/</a>). A briefing session will be arranged for interested bidders on February 18, 2021 (Thursday). Details are set out in the tender document.

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 April 9, 2021 (Friday). Late tenders will not be accepted.